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AUCTION SALE.	AUCTION SALE
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CRAWFORD & CO.,
AUCTIONEERS & COMMISSION
AGENTS.
16, APOLLO ST., FORT.

BONA FIDE SALE.
AUCTION SALE OF PHOTO AND
DRAWING MATERIALS, PICTURE
POST CARD, CHRISTMAS CARDS,
AND CURTAIN MATERIALS, AND
SHOP FURNITURE, ETC., lying in
the Shop, lately occupied by Messrs.
Babajee Sushram & Co. Insolvents,
situate opposite The Alexandra Cine-
ma.

By order of the Concerned, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., will sell by Public Auction, THIS-DAY, THURSDAY, the 25th, and SATURDAY, the 27th, and SUNDAY, the 28th, instant at 10 am (S.T.), each day, the Photo and Drawing materials, Picture Post Cards, Christmas and New Year's card-making, and Shop furniture, etc., in small lots to suit buyers.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

AUCTION SALE OF THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN THE INSOLVENT ESTATE OF JAMES MCDONALD

S. MUDY, Esq., B.A. (S.T.), Auctioneer to sell by Public Auction in the Court Room of the County of Ripon Mills, on Haindon Road, near Thirsk, the following valuable and substantial English mahogany and rosewood room furniture by Wmbridge and other makers such as English silk tapestry lining, leather and chairs, tapestry lining, drawing room and bedroom furniture, light marble top mirrored cabinets, English light and low chairs, rocking chairs, dining room table and chairs, washstand, sideboard, ring glass, crockery and plateware, mirrored blackwood Almond wood pieces, brass and iron safes, chests, carpets, solid brass table, rich burnished mahogany bedstead, bed褥 and brass single and double bedsteads.

IN A GINNING FACTORY AT
SIPRI BAZAR, JHANSI.

Under instructions from R. D. Sethna, Esq., the Official Assignee, Bombay, and Assignee of the Estate of the Insolvent, Mahomed Haji Jamal, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., will sell by Public Auction, the following household furniture, viz:—
bedsteads, iron baba cradles, painted iron clothes and gown presses, mirrors, chest of drawer, marble top wash-basins, tables, iron stands, easy and rocking chairs, marble top tables and teapoy, rich pictures table and wall ornaments, large lot of lampware, gas cooking stoves, cooking utensils, Singapore cane furniture, etc., etc.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, the 26th September, 1913, at 5 p.m. (S.T.), at their Rooms No. 16, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, the right, title and interest of the abovenamed insolvent in the following Ginning Factory, at the Sipri Bazar, Jhansi:—

At 4 p.m., (S.T.)

- 1 English comfortable bicycle wheels
- rubber-tyred Landau by Windower.
- 1 Rubber-tyred Ladies Buggy by Scott
- 1 Handsome piebald grey Horse going in harness.

The property of D. S. SAKAL

PARTICULARS—All that piece of land perpetual tenure, bearing Municipal No. 100, situated at the village of Bhingas, assessment whereof is Rs. 63 per year with a Ginning Factory, built on it and situate about half a mile from the Bombay Railway Station, containing one pound, besides containing the aforesaid factory and a big well, also possesses a bungalow of 6 rooms and a big corrugated iron-roofed house, built on the site of the

and various kinds of stores in connection with the machinery, consists of one Single Cylinder High Pressure Engine (S.E. 1000) 24 inches diameter, 36 inches Stroke 32 in. one Lancashire Boiler 24 feet long and 7 feet in diameter, 70 lbs. Steam Pressure per square inch, 14 Gins by Pressure Gauge, single cylinder boiler complete fitted with shaft and engine and 6 gins in store complete, 1

Donkey Pump, 2 water tanks, blacksmith's tools for Engineers, Carpenters, and stores for the above factory of 14 gins.

The above factory can be viewed at any time during the day on the premises at Jhansi before the day of sale.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to the Undersigned at their

Patron.
The Rt. Revd. Edwin James Palmer
M.A., D.D. The Lord Bishop of Bombay
President-in-Council.
James McDonald Esqr., J. P. Hon.
Presidency Magistrate (on leave).
Offg. President-in-Council.

SALE OF LAND IN THE VILLAGE OF MATUNGA.
Under instructions from R. D. Sethna Esq., official assignee and assignee of the

estate and effects of Mahapatrao Kesho-
rao Acharya and another Insolvents,
Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell, on
SATURDAY, the 27th inst., at 5 p.m.,
at the Public Sale Office, the following
above Insolvents in their 2/3 share in
the following Vacant piece of land, on
the premises at Matunga near the Lepar
Asylum.

PARTICULARS:—The right, title and interest of the above Insolvents in their 2/3 share in the vacant piece of land situate at Matunga on the East of the public Road from Lion to Bombay near the Matunga Leper Asylum and admeasuring 4761 5/9 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Survey No. 2/1105

all the said lands, and the said lands are bounded as follows:—i. e. to say on the East by a vacant piece of land on the West by the aforesaid Sion to Bombay Road, on the North by the public passage and on the South partly by a vacant piece of land and partly by a Portuguese Church.

For further particulars and conditions

Road, on the North by the public passage and on the South partly by a vacant piece of land and partly by a Portuguese Church.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the undersigned.

WEEKLY SALE.

On **MONDAY, the 22nd instant.** at

Sole Agents for the

HENRY RICHARDS TILE Co.

28, CHURCH-GATE ST. Fort.,

2-30 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms No. 18, Apollo St., Fort, a quantity of grey, white, and coloured piece-goods, and the following:

Furniture of a European gentleman:—
Wardrobe, cupboard, dining table, dinner waggon, marble topped dressing and wash-hand tables, chairs, crockery-ware,

BOMBAY.

Bath Tubs, Lavatories, Urinals
Bath-room Fittings

By order of the Postmaster-General:—
Unserviceable goods such as canvas, and
drill bags, leather delivery and cash bags,
etc., etc.

The property of a deceased Parsee
Gentleman—Good collection of old and
seldom obtainable Silver coins. Good
opportunity for coin collectors.

At 2-30 p.m. (S.T.).

etc. etc. etc.

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Are you losing weight? Musco

Several Gent's bicycles by different makers.	weak and flabby? <i>Stearn's Wine</i>
1 light rubber-tyred Victoria.	<i>Cod Liver Extract</i> builds up, brooks
1 light rubber-tyred Vis-a-Vis.	down, tissues and produces soft
CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers.	healthy flesh—increases your weight.
Bombay, 24th September, 1913.	

CROMPTON CEILING FANS.

FOR DIRECT CURRENT.

THE VERY BEST OBTAINABLE

HIGH BREEZE, LOW CONSUMPTION

OF CURRENT.

CROMPTON BOMBAY, Ld.

35-37 APOLLO ST.

BOMBAY.

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AUCTION SALE.

BENNETT & CO.,
No. 22, APOLLO ST. FORT.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALU-

ABLE BUILDING PLOTS SITUATE

ON MANDVI KOLIWADA ESTATE.

Under instructions from the Bombay

Improvement Trust Messrs. BENNETT

& Co., will on THURSDAY, the 25th

September, at 4.30 p.m., (S.T.), sell by

Public Auction near Plot No. 7, the

following very valuable Building plots

for a period of 99 years.

Lot No. 1, Plot No. 2, 500 sq. yds. This

is a very valuable Building site having

a frontage of about 68 feet to Jamali

Street.

Lot No. 2, Plot No. 3, 587 sq. yds. This

is an excellent plot of Building land

having a frontage of about 78 ft. to

Kazi Sayed Street.

Lot No. 3, Plot No. 7, 753 sq. yds. This

is a very valuable corner site, having a

long frontage to Kazi Sayed Street, and

a return frontage to the low level Road,

adjoining Carnac Bridge.

Lot No. 4, Plot No. 8, 568 sq. yds. This

is a valuable corner plot having a long

frontage to Douglie Street, and a second

frontage to the level Road adjoining

Carnac Bridge Road.

Lot No. 5, Plot No. 11, 611 sq. yds. This

is an excellent plot of Building land

having frontage to Kazi Sayed Street,

and Jamlikar Street.

Shops will be allowed on all these plots

and Nahanies will also be allowed near

the Rooms.

Architects interested in the plots are

advised to consult the Land Manager

before the Auction regarding the develop-

ment they may have in view.

For further particulars and

Building condition, form of lease and

plans of the site can be had on applica-

tion to the Land Manager, Trust Office,

Fort, or to the Undersigned.

BENNETT & CO.,

Bombay, 25th September, 1913. 254

AUCTION SALE OF VERY

VALUABLE JEWELLERY.

Suit No. 336 of 1911.

Bhaishanker Nannabhai and another

vs.

Manekbhai, widow, and others.

Under instructions from the Executors

of the late Bai Channabai widow of

Dayal Bhaishanker, BENNETT & Co.

will on THURSDAY, the 25th

instant, sell by Public Auction at their

rooms, at 2.30 p.m., (S.T.), a

large lot of jewelry consisting of

pearls, and diamond ornaments, such as

pearl and ruby nose ring of very large

and medium size pearls; pearl neck-

laces of 5 strings, pearls, bangles and

gold bangles, gold necklaces, nose ring,

earrings, chains, "tanka-sankas,"

tunmums, kadas, pearl necklaces, and

green stones, Kanthas, chudra mala,

dala, mohamudla poches, ear-rings,

sankas, small pieces of diamonds, Rain

Navmi, gold buttons, sleeve-links, etc.,

etc.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be

required at the time of sale.

ON SATURDAY, the 27th inst., at 2.30

p.m., (S.T.), Messrs. BENNETT

& Co., are instructed to sell by Public

Auction, at the Esplanade, opposite

the Bombay Club and next to the Public

Currency Bank, (where the kit has been

removed for sale), very valuable and

handsome, ten-piece black wood, old

Chinese made household furniture, also few

pieces of very old, solid and hard

wood open carved furniture, rich glass

and crockery, the best plated ware by

Elkington and Reed and Barton, sliding

dining table, arm and without arm

chairs, large mirror, hand and

dumbwaiters, drawing room Genoa

velvet lined sofa and chairs, rich

cabinets, parian, bronze and Terracotta

figures, table and hall lamps, old

Chinese and Japanese vases, one sweet-toe

cottage piano, one 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6

chiming clock by Marx, wall 15 day

clock, one English ice box with refrigera-

tor, single and double bedsteads, mirror

door almirahs, dressing chest of drawers

dressing and wash-hand tables, writing

and card tables, reclining sofas and

chairs, rich carpets, oil paintings, one

electric fan and lamp with battery.

English palm stand, glass and silver

cups, copper utensils, etc., etc. The

property of E. J. Norton Esq., Consul

of the U. S. of America and others. Cata-

logues are published and the property is

on view.

On SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at 2.30

p.m., (S.T.), Messrs. BENNETT

& Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their

Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured

piece-goods.

At 2 p.m. (S.T.).

1 Handsome strong, rubber-tyred victo-

ria in good order.

2 Second-hand rubber-tyred palanquin

office chair, in good order.

3 Second-hand glass-fronted miniature

office brougham.

1 Bay Arab horse, aged, quite in har-

ness.

AUCTION SALE OF BUILDING

MATERIALS.

Under instructions from the Municipal

Commissioner for the City of Bombay,

Messrs. BENNETT & Co., will on

TUESDAY, the 30th instant at 4 p.m.,

(B.T.), sell by Public Auction on the

premises at Dada Bhai Scindia, opposite

B. B. & C. J. Railway Station, the whole

of the building materials of the follow-

ing buildings:

Case No. 200, Ward No. 2408 and Street

No. 249 De Lisle Road, a two storied

frame structure which was formerly

belonging to the late Dada Bhai Scindia

widow of Behram Mirzabai.

Case No. 21, Ward No. 2410 (1) and

Street No. 253-55-57, a two storied

frame structure which was formerly

belonging to the late Dada Bhai Scindia

widow of Behram Mirzabai.

AUCTION SALE.

BENNETT & CO.,
No. 22, APOLLO ST. FORT.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALU-

ABLE BUILDING PLOTS, situate at

Nail Bazar, Sandhurst Road Estate

(East).

Under instructions from the Bombay

Improvement Trust, Messrs. BENNETT

& Co., will on WEDNESDAY, the 25th

October, at 4.30 p.m., (S.T.), sell by Public

Auction the following 4 plots in one

lot on the premises for a period of 99

years:

Plots Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 78 in one

whole lot measuring about 1,600 square

yards.—This is a most excellent choice

plot abutting on the Null Bazar market

line, situated on the Sandhurst Road

Estate (East), having frontages of about

135 feet on Kaji Street, or about 134

feet on Sandhurst Road and about 49

feet on Duncan Road, most centrally

situated in the enormous traffic part of

the city.

The above plot is most suitable for

a cloth, vegetable or any other miscella-

neous business.

Shops will be allowed on this plot

and Nahanies will also be allowed near

the Rooms.

For further particulars, auction and

building conditions, form of lease and

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tion to the Land Manager, Trust Office,

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FOREIGN MARKET REPORT.

Sept. 23

Copper Braziers 2384; Rubber 3-31; Sep-Oct; Buyers

trump.

Wheat Australian—South Australian 391;

Jan-Feb; done, Victorian 391; Jan-Feb;

done, New South Wales 391; Jan-Feb; done,

Sugar—German granulated Sugar C. & F.

India (Double bags) 12-9; sellers Nov-Dec;

quiet, only small quantities Jan-Feb; done,

C. & F. India 11-10; sellers Jan-March; steady

but very quiet, German Beet-root 8-5; 9-5;

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

September 24th.	Stewart	Durban	Sept. 5
S. S. Pentakota	Booth	Middeburgh	Aug. 18
S. S. Aristo	Booth	Middeburgh	Aug. 18
S. S. Geddington Court	Gleghow	Middeburgh	Aug. 18
S. S. Vorwaerts	Clenak	Kobe	Aug. 28
S. S. Linga	Manley	Karachi	Aug. 21
S. S. Rialder	Tombs	Java	Sept. 22

DEPARTURES.

September 24th.	Lalande	Marseilles
S. S. Polyassien	Booth	Middeburgh
S. S. Della	Beresford	Persian Gulf
S. S. Lindula	Booth	Middeburgh
S. S. Ninive	Fey	Hamburg
S. S. Dumra	Burbridge	Karachi

S. S. Pentakota:—The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Pentakota, 2,209 tons, Captain W. T. Stewart, arrived in the harbour on Wednesday from Durban, which port she had left on September 5th, with a general cargo and passengers.

S. S. Geddington Court:—The steamer Geddington Court, 2,495 tons, Captain J. M. Gleghow, arrived in the harbour on Wednesday from Barry, which port she had left on August 25th, with a cargo of coal.

S. S. Vorwaerts:—The A. L. S. N. Co.'s steamer Vorwaerts, 3,727 tons, Captain S. Clenak, arrived in the harbour on Wednesday from Kobe, which port she had left on August 24th, with a general cargo and one passenger.

S. S. Linga:—The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Linga, 951 tons, Captain C. S. Penny, arrived in the harbour on Wednesday from Karachi, which port she had left on September 22nd, with a general cargo and passengers.

S. S. Lindula:—The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Lindula, 2,883 tons, Captain W. Beresford, sailed on Wednesday for Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo and passengers.

S. S. Ninive:—The steamer Ninive, 2,876 tons, Captain A. Fey, will sail to-day for Hamburg, with a general cargo.

S. S. Dumra:—The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Dumra, 762 tons, Captain A. D. Burbridge, will sail to-day for Bureh via Karachi, with a general cargo and passengers.

S. S. Rialder:—The steamer Rialder, 3,091 tons, Captain J. P. Tombs, arrived in the harbour on Wednesday from Java, with a cargo of sugar.

The Ellerman Line s.s. City of Poona outward bound left Liverpool on the evening of the 20th instant.

The Ellerman Line steamer City of York Homeward bound arrived at Suez on the evening of the 21st instant.

The O. S. K. steamer Saigon Maru left Kobe for Hongkong via Moji on the 23rd instant.

The N. Y. K. steamer Penang Maru left Singapore for Hongkong on the 20th instant.

VESSELS IN PORT.

WEDNESDAY, September 25th 1913.

P. DOCK.

Shed Steamer	Capt.	Agent.
S. S. Pentakota	Booth	W. & A. G. & Co.
S. S. Aristo	Booth	W. & A. G. & Co.
S. S. Geddington Court	Gleghow	W. & A. G. & Co.
S. S. Vorwaerts	Clenak	W. & A. G. & Co.
S. S. Linga	Manley	W. & A. G. & Co.
S. S. Rialder	Tombs	W. & A. G. & Co.
S. S. Lindula	Booth	W. & A. G. & Co.
S. S. Ninive	Fey	W. & A. G. & Co.
S. S. Dumra	Burbridge	W. & A. G. & Co.

V. DOCK.

1. Clan Lindsay	Scotland	J. F. & Co.
2. Cirassia	Belgian	W. & A. G. & Co.
3. Kowloon	Bretil	Arab Steamer
4. Laverkin	Glasgow	F. M. & Co.
5. Elnerefs	Weymouth	W. & A. G. & Co.
6. Cayman	Wright	J. M. & Co.
7. Bulgarian Prince	Danny	J. M. & Co.
8. Gahlon	Günther	A. L. S. N. & Co.
9. Sutton Hall	Jenkins	K. N. & Co.
10 & 11. Monarch	Clare	W. & A. G. & Co.
12 & 13. Egypt	Sumner	F. & O. S. N. & Co.
14. Dumra	Burbridge	M. W. & Co.
15. Coboto	Pollington	V. S. N. & Co.

H. W. P. D.

Bahadur	Goudan	B. S. N. & Co.
Penshi	Nole	B. S. N. & Co.
Linga	Penny	M. M. & Co.

VESSELS IN THE STREAM.

Aristo	Booth	J. F. & Co.
Afford	Niemann	K. N. & Co.
Aleppo	Jones	J. F. & Co.
Aymer	Kotter	T. J. & Co.
Budrie	Finer	Arab Steamer
Burala	Mine	M. M. & Co.
Dazlin	Donovan	M. M. & Co.
Geddington Court	Gleghow	P. & O. S. N. & Co.
Gahlon	Sumner	F. & O. S. N. & Co.
Hootie	Fanning	T. M. & Co.
Istrat	Jacob	T. M. & Co.

FIRE-KING.

A NEW CHEMICAL FIRE ENGINE.

There was a demonstration at the Breville Fire Station in the presence of the Chief Engineer and others of the fire-extinguishing capacity of a New Chemical Fire Engine, "Fire King" made by Mr. Das Gupta of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, Ltd., of Calcutta and Bombay. A big fire was made by pouring 8 gallons of tar and kerosene on planks and cotton waste, heaped in a pier and set to blaze. When the fire took a firm hold, the extinguisher was applied. The fire was controlled in a few seconds and extinguished in a minute. The experiment was repeated and with equal success.

The "Fire King" is a handy little machine that can be hung up ready for use for any length of time. We must say, an appliance like this is a necessity to all establishments and mills where there are fire risks. The price being only Rs. 40 it is within reach of all property owners.

We congratulate the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, Ltd., for having brought out this very useful line. We hope the Bombay public will not be slow to appreciate the utility of such an appliance.

FULL WEATHER WORKING DAY.

The Committee of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce have decided that Tuesday 23rd September 1913 should be regarded as a full weather working day for Vessels in the Prince's and Victoria Docks.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION CASE.

PROSECUTING COUNSEL'S ADDRESS.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Mr. G. R. Khairaj, Fourth Presidency Magistrate, concluded the hearing of the case in which Inspector Chapman charged Ahmed Haji Umar and Mr. Noor Mahomed Haji Dada, J. P. at the instance of the Municipal Commissioner, the first with forgery and giving false information to a public servant and the second with abetment thereof at the last municipal by election held in the Fort ward in June last to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. S. S. Mistry.

Mr. K. Campbell, Bar-at-law in

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BOMBAY YACHTING.

PROSPECTS OF THE SEASON.

MRS. RUSSELL'S BLUE BIRD.

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The Yachting season at Home is past. It has been an exceedingly interesting one. In the South the re-appearance of His Majesty's cutter yacht Britannia, brought more than usual interest to the Cowes week this year. This beautiful vessel has evidently retained her speed in retirement and many who witnessed her excellent performances against Julian and "Cariad," were pleasantly reminded of her earlier days on the Solent when she was matched against

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JUNIOR POLO TURNAMENT.

26th CAVALRY v. 10th.

(From our Correspondent.)

POONA, Sept. 23.

THIRD GAME.

The teams in the third game, 26th Cavalry v. 10th Brigade, R.F.A., were:—

26th Cavalry:—(1) Mr. Armstrong, (2) Mr. H. A. B. Johnson, (3) Capt. Chaytor, (back), Capt. Collum.

10th Brigade, R. F. A.—(1) Capt. Sarson, (2) Mr. A. J. Rendel, (3) Mr. Love, (back), Capt. Corbould Warren.

Umpires:—Major Anderson and Mr. A. Moreland.

Handicap:—26th Cavalry gave 10th Brigade R. F. A., 4 goals.

First Chukker:—From the start the Gunners in trying to save their goal hit behind their line from a distance of sixty yards. Chaytor had the first hits, when Corbould-Warren in attempting to check them came down for a second, the next instant the Cavalry scored. The Cavalry continued to worry the gunners till the latter were obliged to concede a clean hit to Chaytor who passed the ball on to Armstrong and the latter scored. 26th Cavalry, 2 goals; 10th Brigade, nil.

Second Chukker:—A dangerous foul was given against the Gunners but the penalty hit by Chaytor proved abortive. The Cavalry were still on the attack and Collum scored on the point of time. 26th Cavalry, three goals; 10th Brigade, nil.

Third Chukker:—From Midfield the Cavalry at once made dash but Sarson was quick to avert disaster and for the next two minutes the attacks and counter attacks were of a very determined character till the Cavalry hit behind their own line. The Cavalry continued to attack but the Gunners maintained a stubborn defence and the chukker resulted in a blank. 26th Cavalry, three goals; 10th Brigade, nil.

Fourth Chukker:—The Gunners went away to the Cavalry end at once but Chaytor, driving the ball back served Johnson who finally scored from a long range. This goal brought them on terms of equality, with 4 goals all, but the next minute the Cavalry had a run up to the Gunners' posts and from a melee Chaytor knocked up a goal. Another charge by them resulted in Chaytor hitting a clear goal. 26th Cavalry, six goals; the Cavalry. Final scores:—

Fifth Chukker:—The Cavalry took up the running and without much opposition Johnson let drive for goal, but the shot went wide on the Gunners' hitting. The Cavalry took charge again and Chaytor struck for goal but missed. The Gunners cleared to the opposite direction but before anything could happen the chukker and the game wound up in favour of the Cavalry.

26th Cavalry, 6 goals. 10th Brigade R. F. A., 4 goals (handicap).

Result:—

BOMBAY ATHLETIC nil. SHERWOOD FORESTERS nil.

The teams were:—

BOMBAY ATHLETIC—Rockley (goal); Belton and C. Templeton, (backs); Butt, Knight, and Morris (halves); A. Rockley, T. Brewin, H. Templeton, Robinson, and Morris (forwards).

SHERWOOD FORESTERS—Clifton (goal); Hampton and Johnson (backs); Mills, Raven, and Lovat (halves); Berwick, Cook, Elliott, Thompson, and Evans (forwards).

Referee.—Mr. Inwood.

TO-DAY'S GAME.

Bombay Gymkhana v. G. I. P. Railway.

HARWOOD LEAGUE TABLE.

(revised and corrected upto-date).

Goals.

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THEIR EXCELLENCIES LORD AND LADY WILLINGDON.

structed by Mr. Leslie Crawford Municipal Solicitor, conducted the prosecution; Mr. Payne, Solicitor, and Mr. C. N. Kanga, Pleader, defended the first accused, while the second was defended by Mr. J. D. Davar and Mr. J. Baptista, Barristers, who were instructed by Mr. S. B. Kapadia and Mr. B. T. Desai, Pleaders.

Mr. Campbell made his final address, in the course of which he said that the case was of some importance because of the nature of the offence which was a novel one so far as Bombay was concerned and because it was certainly desirable that it should not be repeated with any frequency in Bombay. The first point he asked the Court to consider was that this was a Municipal prosecution as Mr. Cadell had told them to secure the purity of the elections. That was an important fact and if that was borne in mind, then the greater portion of Mr. Davar's address rested on a fundamental error.

Mr. Davar had brought in Dr. Sukhia in some manner and said the case against the second accused was a false one but the evidence had clearly established the prosecution case. The evidence showed that on the election day the two accused were associated to-

motive of bringing a false case against him therefore disappeared.

Mr. Campbell then commented on the evidence of other prosecution witnesses and pointed out passages where witnesses corroborated each other. As regards discrepancies, he said that the defence could not expect every man to corroborate another exactly in every particular and if every prosecution to be successful was to be absolutely free from discrepancies, he would say that no prosecution if honest would succeed.

Mr. Campbell concluded his remarks that he had made out his case on the facts only if the prosecution evidence was to be believed and he asked the Court to believe that evidence. Counsel then turned to the question of law and submitted that the polling officer was a public servant and the accused was guilty of giving false information when he said he was the real Cassum Haji Moti. He asked the Court to convict both the accused.

His Worship reserved judgment.

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vessels like Satanita, Valkyrie II, Vigilant, Navahoe, Calluna, and Ailsa. In the North the Clyde fortnight was once again a brilliant success. It is pleasing to note that at least two yachts sailed by ladies distinguished themselves. We refer to Gertrude, 19-24 footer sailed by Miss Eadie, and Ariel, a 6-metre boat the property of Miss D. K. Allan.

Both these ladies are yachting enthusiasts. Miss Eadie, has steered her boat to victory in sixty-eight races since 1906, and Miss Allan, has not been less successful with her dainty little sloop Mignon, and other yachts. It is a far cry from the Clyde to Bombay. The Royal Bombay Yacht Club, can carry its history back to the year 1839, but for the first time on record it now has a boat owned by a lady. We refer to Mrs. Russell's 18-footer Blue Bird, now being fitted out to race in C. class. Although this yachtswoman cannot hope to emulate the performance of Miss Eadie on the Clyde in sailing her ship manned by ladies only, she hopes to steer her herself with a mere male on the jib sheets and spinnaker guys. We feel sure that Blue Bird, with a good breeze and her charming owner at the helm will give an excellent account of herself in the coming season. We understand that Capt. Louis Depiere's 15-footer Fickle One, is coming down from Mahomera shortly to sail under the racing flag of Mr. Begbie. We shall watch this boat's career with interest, and think from what we saw of her earlier in the year that she is likely to prove a valuable addition to C. class, which has lately lost Val-kyrie, Jean, Lapwing, and Marie Louise, which have been sold out of Bombay. Happily our old friend Anna, remains with us and will sail in the handicap class as of yore.

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FOOTBALL.

THE HARWOOD LEAGUE.

ATHLETIC DRAW WITH SHERWOOD FORESTERS.

The Bombay Athletic put up a fine fight yesterday in the Harwood League, when they drew with the Sherwood Foresters. There was no score in the game, but several opportunities were missed.

The soldiers had out a weak team compared with their usual eleven, but the Athletic are to be congratulated on being the only side in the League to extract a point from them. They should have won on the run of the game, and were certainly better than the soldiers in the forward line.

For the Athletic, Rockley did well in goal, and the backs were fair, while the halves worked well. A Rockley was the best winger on the field, and got several dangerous centres across. Templeton and Morris were also useful.

For the Foresters Hampton and Johnson were prominent at back, and Lieut. Mills was the best of the half-backs. The forwards were disappointing, although Evans was occasionally good.

THE GAME.

The game opened briskly, and both ends were visited in quick time. The Athletic had out a strong team, and it was evident they would make the soldiers go all the way. Rockley in goal saved a couple of shots, and at the other end A. Rockley got away in dangerous style, but he was robbed by Johnson after a good run.

Good play between Berwick and Cook came to nothing, and then Rockley again raced through on his own, only to be deprived by Johnson. Morris set Brown going, but the forward was pulled up for pushing. The Athletic were playing, a good game, and so far had had quite as much of the play as their opponents. Off-side spoilt a nice movement when the Foresters attacked. From this, Morris got the ball, and though he took it down well, he failed to control it.

The Foresters were frequently pulled up for off-side, Evans being the chief offender. Rockley was prominent on the extreme right, for the Athletic, and a dangerous centre from him almost spelt disaster for the soldiers, but the ball went right across the goal-mouth without anyone being able to touch it. Templeton cleared when the soldiers got going, and then Rockley had to run out of goal, but he kicked weakly.

The soldiers were quite held by their civilian opponents, and when half-time came there had been nothing to choose between the two teams.

Half time:—

BOMBAY ATHLETIC nil. SHERWOOD FORESTERS nil.

The civilians attacked directly on resuming, and a fine shot by Knight hit the wrong side of the net. Another hot attack by the Athletic was initiated by Templeton, who passed to Rockley, and the winger put in a useful shot which gave Clifton some trouble. By way of a change the Foresters did a little attacking, but though Thompson and Evans worked hard they were unable to score.

A timely pass by Robinson let Templeton through, and though he made a game effort Clifton saved.

Berwick put in a good centre which the Athletic immediately raced to the soldiers' goal, Robinson centering to Brewin, who shot wide when well placed. The soldiers' backs were kicking well, and it was only their vigorous defence that

POONA RACES.

SECOND MEETING: SECOND DAY.

DALMATIA'S FIRST WIN.

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, Sept. 24.

For the second day of the second meeting there was a great falling off in attendance as compared with the previous day, as it fell in mid-week. Nevertheless, the attendance was fair and the racing quite good with the public meeting with indifferent luck and a couple of rank outsiders romping home. Government House was as well represented as ever, and we may expect a good send-off to the Big Meeting on Saturday.

Out of seven events only one, that won by Picnic, can be said to have been appropriated with any ease. All the other winners had to fully extend, no rider earning more than his share of brackets, the successful ones being Capt. O'Brien, Butler Brown, Hoyt, McBluffe, Digby, Harrison and Purtoosingh. Except for the heat, which is naturally felt more and more as the season advances, the weather was perfect. The course was, however, by no means fast as there has not been time since the recent heavy rain for it to regain its springiness.

The day opened with the Deccan Plate, a two mile hurdle race with only five runners and Parkhill favourite to give Bambino the best part of another stone to make up for his win last time. Badly as he has been running, and a bag of bones as he looks, Sholto was well fancied at a weight which would mean no race at all if he were at his best. In the actual running, it was left to him to provide the excitement as after passing the Grand Stand about ten lengths ahead of the favourite he put on half as much again before reaching half way. Parkhill jumped by no means as well as he has done, and when Bambino ran up to him it looked almost as though he had been over-worked. The one who appears to be so, however, is Bambino, as at the six furlongs Parkhill left him again and went in earnest after the leader. The long lead was reduced to two lengths at the half mile and further cut down as they went on till at the distance jump the two got over together. Neither had any dash left in him, better condition telling in favour of Parkhill. Sholto ran much above what one might have expected and forced Parkhill to put up a most plucky performance with Capt. O'Brien but failing to drive him along from the six furlongs onwards. Beroll came along great guns in the last part to beat Bambino and should add a jump race to his recent flat one.

A closed race followed for Arabs over a mile which resulted in an upset as Little King once more failed after being well backed and was presumably not anxious, for place money. He was one of the first out of the gate, made all the running and led into the straight but then left Aden to go on, who in turn was beaten by Fyzabad. Weights have had to be juggled about a good deal for these two to be able to stay on but the winner has been consistent and has been trained on to be less of a squib than he at first seemed to be, Amood who looks extremely poor ran up well with Longboat at the finish, but Nimer and Castaway could not see it out whereas Principal still needs work and was not persevered with when unlikely to place.

From the third race, betting improved a good deal, this being a ten furlong one for second race Arabs. This being so, it is extraordinary that the timing should have been no less than six seconds faster than in later on. It is also likely that a mistake was made in the timing of the previous race. Of late Sweden has been giving more promise, though he has been and still is a great deal below his true form, and was made favourite by a stable which has met with no luck. There was a steady run on Grey Ghost, and he was the one to upset the good thing and by doing what was expected of him may be less erratic than he led people to believe. It was only right that with such a weight he should see to the pace being solid, and as first Good Success, and then Welcome began to stop he paced them in turn. Sweden came at him with some promise of a long from home but he had enough left in him to go away again, a similarly run race to the one in Bombay, when he first showed he was favoured by middle distances. Trustee and British King were eased back at the start, the latter then finishing well, but the former could show none of his dash this time, his jockey, maybe, not thinking he could catch the leaders, France obviously right off colour.

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ARAB PONIES.

A very classy lot of Arab ponies were out in their sprint, Pendlil preferred to Abdul Malik, who was not saddled, and in consequence made favourite from Chechan and Young Majub. This was the second bad upset of the day as Mat-hat-Baig has never before shown himself equal to an open event. Pendlil getting away well had no time to make a waiting race of it with so many fast ones against his and made all his own running. He was there till about fifty yards from home, where young Harrison came with a rattle on Mat-hat-Baig to beat him, fairly decisively. Many people have patiently waited to back Chechan in a short race, but he let them down, though always well in the picture. Age must be telling on Bravo and Young Majub is evidently a stone off his best. Zoolphokarr was thereabouts till very near home and may still need work but Kimberley ran, if anything, above form.

Finally an open ten furlongs race with Dhaman favourite from Terror, a heap of money for Galiard very late. This was a splendid race, Rozelmulook setting the pace for Gowahajmer only for the latter to be unable to take advantage of it. Three furlongs from home Terror went to the front and had Singer well beaten. Dhaman had, however, drawn up handy and, with a run judged to a nicety, got his head in front on the post. Sir Knight narrowly missed a place, Galiard never in it with Thaboor, but the winner has been consistent and has been trained on to be less of a squib than he at first seemed to be, Amood who looks extremely poor ran up well with Longboat at the finish, but Nimer and Castaway could not see it out whereas Principal still needs work and was not persevered with when unlikely to place.

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FIRST ROUND (REPLAY).

ARGYLLS (3) BEAT WEST RIDINGS (1).

(Associated Press.)

SIMLA, Sept. 24.

The Argylls and West Ridings played off their draw this morning and the Argylls emerged victorious by three goals to one. The Argylls held the upper hand throughout having adapted themselves to the hard ground. The first half was barren of result though the Argylls' forwards had many opportunities of scoring. Early in the second half Payne got through on his own and beat Heap with a high shot. The Argylls continued to press and McDonald, on the right wing, wound up an excellent individual run by adding a second goal. The Ridings put their best foot forward and Thompson was often called upon to save. Not to be denied, the Ridings' forwards got away together and Austin, playing inner-left reduced the lead of the Argylls by a goal.

Scores:—
Argylls 3 goals.
West Ridings 1 goal.
The Ridings did their best to equalise but Thompson kept them out. Just before the end Payne added a third goal for the Argylls, who thus won by three goals to one.

SECOND ROUND.

SIMLA, Sept. 24.

The second round of the Durand Football Tournament continued today when the Royal Scots, holders of the cup, met the 3rd King's Royal Rifles. A large crowd was present and an excellent game was witnessed. High class football was displayed, the best so far in the tournament. The teams were fairly well matched, though the Scots were slightly superior, and played very classy football. The 3rd King's were also a very good team, but had not the same control over the ball as the Scots and lacked the same finish. Too much passing in front of the goal kept the King's from winning a sure game.

The Scots had if anything slightly the better of the first half and early in the game Francis scored a very clever goal for them, the ball lodging in the corner of the net and giving the King's goal-keeper no chance. The King's tried hard to equalise but the Scots defence was very good, the backs Smith and Hoyle were brilliant. In the last ten minutes of the first half the King's pressed very hard and Smith equalised. The Scots goal-keeper rushing out.

Play in the second half was very exciting. The Scots had the better of the exchanges for the first ten minutes, but their shots were very erratic. The King's had one or two good chances but fumbled in front of the goal. A few minutes after the commencement, Hastie, the centre forward of the Scots, sprained his ankle and left the field. The Scots were now playing at a disadvantage, but their defence was equal to keeping the King's from scoring the winning goal. The Scots played for a draw and lost as much as possible by kicking, and once or twice got dangerous, but with four forwards were unable to penetrate the King's defence. During the closing stages the King's pressed very hard but failed to score. Extra time was played. The Scots were at a disadvantage with ten men, the King's pressed throughout but the referee pulled them up each time they looked like scoring for off-side.

The refereeing was very unsatisfactory and for this the King's would surely have won. The final stage was entered upon with no addition to the score. The Scots in addition to playing a losing game played very foul, but the referee did not see them. The Scots goal-keeper saved two very good shots, at the end, and the game ended a draw.

The teams were:—
Royal Scots—Johnson, (goal); Smith and Hoyle, (backs); Watson, Dunlop and Thompson, (halves); McCabe, Polton, Hastie, Francis and Thomson, (forwards).
King's Rifles—Haley, (goal); McRae and Peale, (backs); Lowe, Clay and Tuck, (halves); Rowell, Skevington, Smith, Shaw and Smith, (forwards).

Referee Captain Imper.
The second game which was between the Rifle Brigade and the 4th King's Royal Rifles, was very tame, and neither side played classy football. The exchanges were very even throughout but the King's were superior in front of goal. The first half ended in a draw. In the second half, many chances were lost on both sides. Scotland centre forward of the King's, obtained two goals in quick succession from this to the end. The Rifle Brigade had the better of the game, but threw away several chances. The King's played a superb keeper of the King's played a superb Result:—King's—2 goals; Rifle Brigade—nil. The teams were:—
4th King's Rifles—(Goal) Sheppard, (backs) Wallace and Hampson, (halves); Jones, Morrell and Eves, (forwards); Wilcox, James, Cotton, Fitzgerald and Killaine.

Rifle Brigade—(Goal) Harrington, (back) Loversuch and Hard, (halves) Jewell, Saunders and Woolf, (forwards) Bolton, Vesey, Oates, Atkins and Petron.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA MUD SPORTS.

LAST MEETING.

The last of the weekly Mud Sports meetings was held yesterday afternoon before a much larger number of spectators than has been the rule lately. There was also a marked improvement in the number of entries as the events at some of the previous meetings have filled very poorly. This has to a large extent been due to the weather, which has been very much against the sports throughout, the first three days being scratched altogether, while on several subsequent occasions the ground was, in anything but 'safe' condition. One of the most disappointing features this year has been the lack of entries for the ladies' events, these having entirely fallen through on several occasions. It seems a great pity that more riding ladies do not take an active part in these sports, as their event adds a great interest to the afternoon and are always very popular with the spectators.

There were six entries for the triple peg tent-pegging. The style and pace were much improved on this occasion. Mr. Wallace secured all three pegs on the first run and two on the second, thus winning from Mr. Savile who took two at each run. This was followed by the Greta Green Stakes, three couples turning out for this romantic event, in which the man had to lead two horses up to his partner, the two when mounted to complete the course holding a scarf between them. Mrs. Hughes and Mr. Alyward were first away and maintaining their lead won easily. Mr. Webster and Mrs. Turner apparently thinking better of it before they reached the 'Border', parted company, leaving Mr. and Mrs.

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Domestic Occurrences.

BIRTHS.

PHILLIPS.—At Sitapur, 7th Sept. to Mr.
and Mrs. A. G. Phillips, Indian Police,
a son.PEREIS.—9th Sept. to Mr. and Mrs.
W. F. Perreis of Bankipore, a daughter.

DEATHS.

DUMREE-KOTHARI.—Sept. 23rd, at
Kharachi, Bati Aimal, wife of Furdoo-
jee Merwanjee Dumree and daughter
of Hormasjee Sorabjee Kothari.McEWAN.—At Calcutta, 9th instant,
Charles Edward McEwan, Tea-planter,
son of the late James McEwan, of
Glasgow.MOORE.—At "Pine Lodge," Sat Tal,
on the 7th Sept., Annie Gertrude
Moore.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS.

TO-DAY.

Harwood Association Football League:
Bombay Gymkhana v. G. I. P.,
Cooperage, 5-45.Mails for Mauritius and Reunion, via
Tuticorin and Colombo per steamer
Indra, will be closed at the General
Post Office at 7-30 p.m., instead of on
the 22nd instant as previously notified.Alliance Francaise, 15th meeting. Debate
on "The tax on Bachelors," 6-20.Hindu Gymkhana: Entertainment to
Mr. Justice Shah, and prize distribu-
tion 6-30 p.m.

Friday, September 26.

Harwood Association Football League:
Hornets v. Grant Medicals, Cooper-
age, 5-45.

Saturday, September 27.

Harwood Association Football League:
Sunderwood Foresters A. v. R. G. A.,
Cooperage, 5-45.Indian Merchants' Chamber and Bureau,
Annual General Meeting, Apollo
Street, 3-40.Poona Races, Second Meeting, Third
Day at Poona.

Monday, September 29.

Satak Manganese Company, Ordinary
General Meeting, Taj Building, Wallace
Street, 4-30.

DAILY.

Excelsior Cinematograph, Novelty Thea-
tre, 6-30 to 8; 8-30 to 9-30; and 10 to
11-30.America-India Cinematograph Charni
Road, 7 to 8; 8-30 to 9-30; and 10 to
11 p.m.

THE BOMBAY CHRONICLE.

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THE ULSTER

DISLOYALISTS.

A great many people seem to have lost their heads over the anti-Home Rule movement in Ulster, not least among them being General Sir William Adair, who has allowed himself to be appointed "Adjutant-General of Ulster Volunteers" and Colonel George Hackett Pain, who has taken up his duties as "Chief of Staff." The leaders of the Unionist party lost their heads long ago, when they allowed themselves to be inveigled into a declaration, not only of sympathy with, but approval of, Sir Edward Carson's "rebellion," never having dreamed probably that things would ever get so far as the establishment of "fourteen Belfast regiments, each eight hundred strong, with complete commissariat and ambulance units" to say nothing of a real live general, accompanied by his staff, in command; and they would probably give a great deal now to relieve their party of its complicity with these theatrical proceedings. Nobody seems to be able to decide whether these Ulster heroics should be taken seriously or not. Certainly an omniscient feature of the situation is contained in the announcement that Mr. F. E. Smith has returned from Ulster to take up his duties on General French's staff at the manoeuvres as a lieutenant in the Yeomanry. Whether Sir Edward Carson is arrested or not, or deprived of his Privy Councillorship, it may be earnestly hoped that Lieutenant F. E. Smith will be placed under immediate arrest and deprived of this opportunity of training himself for the coming conflict. England can afford to stand by while her generals place themselves at the head of the Belfast rebel volunteers, but when Lieutenant Smith proceeds to put himself in training, the time for action has arrived!

In the meanwhile, however, we think that M. Asquith and his colleagues are well advised to leave the theatricals in Belfast alone. As the "Westminster Gazette" says, "all things lawful are not expedient," and it has to be considered whether the mischief would be cured or aggravated by putting the law in motion. As the same journal further remarks, "Carsonism will inevitably lead to a repre-

sation of the fate of the Unionists in 1909-10," and as long as the Government stands firm and fearless against threats there is nothing very serious to apprehend. The Unionist leaders are said to have been in friendly conference with Ministers at Balmoral and we may be quite sure that the former will leave no stone unturned, and let no opportunity slip by them, that may lead to their rescue from an embarrassing situation. There are notable signs that the rank and file of the Unionist party in the country are taking alarm at the headlong way in which their leaders have rushed them into a campaign, in which all the principles and traditions which the Party hold dear have been flung aside; the effects of which, if the campaign were successful,—and possibly even if it were not,—are bound to recoil upon their own heads. More than one Unionist journal of standing has protested strongly against the suggestion that the King should be asked to refuse his assent to the Home Rule Bill. That foolish suggestion has even been repeated within the last few days by a provincial Unionist paper, which declares that it has "the personal authority of a most eminent politician" for stating that the latter is "absolutely assured" that the country will be consulted before Home Rule receives the Royal Assent. This amounts to an assertion that the King is prepared to tell his Ministers that he will not give his Assent, unless and until a general election on the question has taken place. This would be as bad as a direct refusal of the Royal Assent, and we do not think that there can be any doubt that a sovereign, so strongly alive to the requirements of his position as a constitutional monarch, as is the present occupant of the Throne, would allow himself to be led into such a course,—even assuming that His Majesty has any sympathy with the object of those who would advise it, which nobody has any right or reasonable ground to suppose. The "Spectator" has very strongly pointed out the dangers to the Constitution which lie in the proposal that the King should refuse his Assent, and that well-known and discriminating Unionist writer, who disguises himself under the nom-de-plume of "Auditor Tantom" contributes to the current number of the "Fortnightly Review" an outspoken and unqualified reprobation of a suggestion which, as he points out, threatens danger both to the Unionist party and to the Crown itself. "There are some doctrines," says "Auditor Tantom" "so pernicious that it is perilous even to appear to harbour them. This certainly is one. Unionists cannot afford to have their party associated, however remotely, with a proposal to revive on any pretext or under any circumstances whatever the veto of the Crown." He goes on to point out that there has been no refusal of the Royal Assent to a Bill passed by Parliament since 1707, when Queen Anne vetoed a measure relating to the militia in Scotland. Like many other Royal prerogatives which have never been formally withdrawn, the right of the King to decline to give his approval to laws passed by Parliament no longer exists in fact. The plain truth of the matter, says "Auditor Tantom," is expressed by Erskine May when he says "the necessity of refusing the Royal Assent is removed by the strict observance of the constitutional principle that the Crown has no will but that of its Ministers, who only continue to serve in that capacity so long as they retain the confidence of Parliament." "Auditor Tantom" addresses a solemn warning to those Unionist statesmen, who have shown an inclination to fall in with this Carsonian policy, to beware of the results of their action, and we do not think that there is much doubt that in this matter he represents the feeling of Unionist electors more truly than some of the recognised leaders of the Party. It is almost inconceivable that Mr. Bonar Law and his lieutenants are unable to appreciate that the further they allow themselves to be led along the path of Carsonism the more distant becomes the prospect of their ever regaining the confidence of the electorate.

Possibilities of the extent to

which the encouragement of the attitude of the Ulster party may recoil upon their own heads is well illustrated in the picture which the "Westminster Gazette" draws of a possible future rebellion, in which Mr. Lloyd George and Sir John Simon would join forces with miners, transport workers, and railway unions, and drill and arm them preparatory to a general strike backed by physical force. But it is too often the case, that the people who are ever ready, like the Ulster Unionists, to prate about themselves as ultra-loyalists and special preservers of law and order, show that their loyalty is a purely selfish quality as soon as they find that they are not going to have their own way in everything. We have had frequent examples of this in India, and, even at the present moment, there is a journal in this city, which poses as the special precursor of the people in loyal obedience to Government, writing in high approval of these threats of rebellion, by a party which has nothing to complain of, but that, as a minority, it happens to find itself in disagreement with the majority. As for Ulster loyalty, it has never been anything but a mere phrase, so far as its application to the British Crown is concerned. Only the other day the silly threat came from Ulster that, if the King betrayed his Ulster subjects,—that is to say if he did his duty as a constitutional monarch,—they would transfer their allegiance to the Kaiser, and the threat to kick the King's Crown into the Boyne if Catholic Emancipation were granted, is a matter of historical notoriety. These are the people who enjoy the patronage of an Anglo-Indian journal, which ought to be the first to resent 'and reprobate any attempt, wheresoever it may arise, to defy and resist the King's authority.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN ATROCITY

It is inconceivable that the Imperial Government can maintain its non-possessum attitude in the face of the latest atrocity inflicted on Indians in the Transvaal under the Immigration Act. The whole of this question is one in regard to which very strong feeling already exists in this country, and we have no wish to use stronger language than the occasion warrants, but we confess we can find no term which would adequately describe the circumstances related in the Reuters telegram which we publish this morning, other than the one we have used. Sixteen Indians, including four women, have been sentenced to three months' hard labour for contravening the Act by endeavouring to cross the border from Natal when returning from a football tournament. This is the sort of reply that the Administrators of the Act make to Lord Crewe's plea in the House of Lords, when he was excusing the miserable attitude of the Imperial Government, that "the Ministers of the Union Government were desirous of meeting the Indians so far as the public opinion of South Africa would let them." This is the answer to his pious hope that "a policy of patience and moderation gave the best chance of a friendly solution." Sixteen men, including four women are sentenced to three months' hard labour for a technical infringement of the Act, by accidentally crossing the border in returning from a football tournament. Unless all confidence in the power of the British Government to protect its Indian subjects is to be destroyed hopelessly and permanently, Lord Crewe had better wake out of his lethargic attitude and deal promptly, fearlessly and firmly with this outrage. All excuse for tender treatment of the South African Government is wiped out by this latest shocking example of their determination to administer the Act, not only rigorously and harshly, but provocatively, brutally and viciously. In the speech, to which we have referred, the Secretary of State, said that

If it was found that any provision of the Bill operated hardly on the Indian community in any particular district, provision could be drawn to this provision with a view to its being relaxed. He believed that such was the best chance of getting a satisfactory consideration of the case of Indians in future.

There is evidently no desire on the part of the South African Government to afford the case of Indians any consideration whatever, and it will not do merely to draw attention to a provision which enables a brutal administration to send people to gaol with hard labour for its

rage thus inflicted on these people must be remedied and its repetition prevented by stronger means, unless an indelible stain is to remain on the name of British humanity, and the loyalty of the people of this country is to be dealt an irreparable blow.

DAY BY DAY.

An Investors' League.

The suggestion of the writer of our Cotton Market Report in our Monday's issue for the formation of an Investors' League in this country is well worthy of consideration, in view of the misfortunes which have befallen investors in certain concerns within recent years. Such leagues flourish in the United States and other countries and do good work in serving as an authority to which intending investors can appeal when in doubt as to the soundness of the prospects of any flotation that is seeking support from the pockets of the public. How many people in Bombay, for instance, might have been saved from ruinous losses during the past few years, had there been such an Association, guided by such wise and experienced heads as, for instance, Mr. D. E. Wacha or Sir Shapurji Broacha, to go to for advice. We have no doubt that, if the matter is taken up, by men of energy an Investors' League could be formed in Bombay with very successful results.

Opium in Bombay Presidency. Opium auctions in Bombay cease altogether from the beginning of the current calendar year and in consequence there have been no receipts whatever of the Imperial opium revenue since last May. Mr. Quin's report on the Administration of the Opium Department of the Bombay Presidency for 1912-13 just issued, covers, therefore, the last year of the Opium Administration in this Presidency. During the year under report the total proceeds of sales of Malwa opium amounted to Rs. 1,84,71,100 to which has to be added Rs. 1,13,13,600 realised as pass duty.

As regards Baroda opium, 917½ chests were imported and the realisations on this account amounted to Rs. 18,62,142. The outstanding feature of the year's operations was as is well known the congestion of stocks in China, consequent on the difficulty experienced in effecting deliveries for consumption in that country. This difficulty is reflected in the prices bid at the sales which fell in December to an average of Rs. 722 per chest. Subsequent to the December auction the value of the export dropped in the Bombay market to Rs. 350 per chest. To meet the situation the Government of India announced that no sales would be held after April 1913, and fixed for the January, February and March sales a prohibitive upset price of Rs. 2,500. These measures restored confidence and the value of the export right rose to Rs. 1,600 per chest on the announcement of the intentions of Government, and

On the last day of the financial year was as high as Rs. 1,900. In the year under report 11,205½ chests were exported to China against 14,085½ chests in the previous year.

The Roumanian Betrothals.

The King of Roumania has taken advantage of his recent diplomatic successes, and the added importance of his State to arrange excellent marriages for the heir-presumptive to his throne and the latter's sister. Russia, on the one hand, and Greece, on the other, are to be cemented to the Roumanian State by the betrothal of the Tsar's eldest daughter to King Charles's nephew, the eldest son of his brother, the heir-apparent, and of King Constantine's eldest son to King Charles's niece. The former is a match for which perhaps King Charles could not have hoped to consider his nephew destined before recent events so enhanced his position among the smaller crowned heads of Europe. The latter is one in which his niece marries into a Royal House, no greater in position than his own, but which is of the highest diplomatic importance for both countries.

The Young Couples.

King Charles himself has no children and the heir to his throne is the second son of his elder brother, Prince Ferdinand of Prussia, who married in 1893 the daughter of the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha (formerly) Duke of Edinburgh. Prince Charles of Roumania, who will one day succeed to his uncle's throne, and his sister Princess Elizabeth are therefore great-grand children of Queen Victoria and first cousins once-removed of King George of England. Their father is Prince of the older and now-reigning branch of the House of Hohenzollern. Prince Charles was born in October, 1893, and is exactly two years older than his bride, the Grand Duchess Olga. His sister, Princess Elizabeth, was born in 1894, and is four years younger than her prospective bridegroom, the Crown Prince of Greece, who is a nephew of the Kaiser on his mother's side, and a grand-nephew of

Queen Alexandra on his father's side. All belong to the Orthodox Greek church.

The Progress of Flying.

The progress of aeronautics day by day marks the steady advance made by man against the forces of nature. Gradually the daring sailor of the air is bringing the element under his control and showing his capability to steer forward in spite of adverse currents. All that could be expected from an air voyager who could make his way smoothly through the atmosphere in every possible position was recently demonstrated by Pegoud. To-day we learn of Garros' successful flight from Toulon to Tunis. A distance of five hundred miles over the ocean has been covered by the intrepid airman in seven hours, which works out at an average speed of seventy-one and a half miles per hour. Has it all been accomplished by following known laws of science and in strict accord with proved theories? The wonderful feature of this latest and most captivating excursion into the domain of nature is that the success of airmen is due not to the translation of theories into practice, but to unascertained laws of nature which bold pioneers have, almost unconsciously complied with. It is bold practice which is "demonstrating the existence of principles and laws hitherto unsuspected." In other words the new art is advancing with a rapidity which its science is unable to overtake. The astounding fact remains that, not all the mathematicians in the world have been able to upset the conclusions arrived at by practical men like the brothers Wright years ago. The machines of Bleriot, Farman and Cody and many others remain among the most efficient, and yet it is notorious that some of the greatest theorists have failed to build a real flying-machine. How far the art in actuality has surpassed the science in speculation can be judged from the admitted circumstance that "all the scientific volumes ever published have done less to make flying possible than did the first passable petrol motor."

Possibilities of the Future.

The invention of air navigation has furnished meteorologists with better means of investigating winds and atmospheric electricity. And it is a possibility that the mysteries of the flight of birds, which have baffled science for ages, will reveal themselves to the daring possessor of the art of aeronautics. Dr. Hankin, who not long ago gave the results of his observations on soaring birds in India, assumed "that air under the influence of sunlight contains a store of energy which in some unexplained manner is set free by the outstretched wings of certain birds." And he had to add to this suppositious force was outside the ken of science. Another theory, by Mr. H. T. Strong, rests on the kinetic theory of gases and on "polarisation," the object being to obtain more support from the air than can be afforded by its density. According to the theorist, "although polarisation could only be a means of momentary duration, it may still be of sufficient importance to explain soaring flight; and thus the soaring flight of birds may constitute a demonstration on a grand scale of the Kinetic theory, the source of the energy being the heat of the atmosphere." Stretching his imagination further the laboratory theorist believes that "it should be found that the air leaving the wing of a soaring bird is at a lower temperature than the surrounding air." Thus "the sciences grope its way along a path obscurely lighted, by but few ascertained facts, the intrepidity and self-sacrificing zeal of practical pioneers are approaching perfection in an art which has hitherto existed only in the fairy tales of antiquity."

"Tribune"—It is not for us to say what the causes of the failures are. But what is prominent before many of us is the bitter and persistent campaign started by certain persons against Lala Harkishan Lal and the concerns under his direction. It is again beyond our scope to analyse the exact motives and objects of this campaign. But it appears to us and to many others looking from a detached standpoint that much of the attack was personal and not wholly intended with a view to the reconstruction of the concerns on more sound lines. If we attach greater importance to the personal local feelings and factious disposition of those who started the campaign, now that the People's Bank has suspended payment and Lala Harkishan Lal is vanquished, they should be jubilant. But the consequences are far too serious for jubilation even of the vulgar, personal and narrow-minded spirit of which we find enough and to spare in this country.

Why Co-operation Grows Slowly.

"The Bengalee"—Reports have reached us that in the remote villages where our young men are attending to the needs of the flood-stricken they are not free from the attention of the C. I. D. whose agents are watching either from under a tree or any other position of vantage to see if the young workers are mixing doses of sedition with the doses of charity. It is a well-known fact that many religious and philanthropic bodies all over India do not happen to be in the good books of the authorities. When the Police authorities accuse the people of apathy, and indifference in the matter of self-protection and reluctance to co-operate with them in restoring peace and order we only wonder that it never occurs to them whether they have helped or obstructed the growth of the spirit which seems to be so much in request at the present time. Men in power seem to possess no sense of humour. To expect a growth when the very conditions are wanting smacks of the days of magic and miracle.

OPINIONS OF THE DAY.

The Ulster Republic.

"Truth"—I am interested to learn that the Ulster Unionist Commissioners have completed the provisional constitution for that favoured province. The Republic can be started within an hour, and with luck it should last for an equal period. I can well understand that a good many loyal persons will receive salaries under the new regime, but I should still like to know where the money is to come from. Does the Republic undertake responsibility for old-age pensions? And what about education, which in oppressed Ireland is supported entirely by British subsidies? Does Belfast under a Republic want a school rate? Another point that troubles me is the delivery of letters. Clearly there

IMMIGRATION ATROCITY.

16 INDIANS GET 3 MONTHS.

FOUR WOMEN INCLUDED.

RETURNING FROM FOOTBALL.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 23. Sixteen Indians, including four women, have been sentenced to three months' hard labour for contravening the Immigration Act by endeavouring to cross the border from Natal when returning from a football tournament. The case excited very great interest and the Court was crowded with Mahomedans.

DELIBERATE MOVE TO CHALLENGE ARREST.

The visit of the Indians sentenced to hard labour to the football match was made with the deliberate purpose of challenging arrest and starting a new passive resistance movement. It is stated that Mr. Gandhi himself will shortly invite arrest by declining to comply with the technical provisions of Immigration Act.

NEW SOUTH WALES WHEAT.

GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO FACILITATE EXPORT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 23. The Minister of Lands in New South Wales states that the Government is determined to cheapen and facilitate the transmission to the coast and the exportation of the wheat crop by opening new ports and introducing the bulk system of handling traffic.

ROYAL VISIT TO NORTHAMPTON

A JUBILANT WELCOME.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 23. The King is the guest of Earl Spencer at Althorp Park. His Majesty to-day made an official visit to Northampton where he had a jubilant welcome. The King then proceeded to witness the main operations of the manoeuvres in the vicinity.

SOMALILAND ADMINISTRATOR.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 23. Mr. Byatt, the Administrator in Somaliland, sails to-morrow.

GOLF AND OLYMPIC GAMES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 21. The Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews has disapproved of the inclusion of golf in the Olympic Games.

MADRAS MUNICIPAL LOAN.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MADRAS, Sept. 23. The Madras Municipal 4 per cent. debenture loan of Rs. 3,42,000 was floated yesterday and was fully subscribed, the tender of the Bank of Madras for almost the whole sum at par being accepted. The remainder of the loan was allotted to two other tenders at 101 and 102 respectively.

FORGING A PAY BILL.

AUDITOR SENT TO JAIL.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

ALLAHABAD, Sept. 23. Pragnath Banarjee, auditor in the local Accountant-General's office, who was tried for forging a judicial officer's pay bill and attempting to cheat by trying to get the pay cheque signed by the Assistant Accountant General, was sentenced to-day by the Sessions Judge of Allahabad to two and a half years' rigorous imprisonment on each count, the sentences to run concurrently.

HOME RULE BILL.

FRIENDLY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. CONFERENCE EXPECTED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 23. The "Evening News" says the belief is growing in political circles that the visits of Ministers and the Opposition leaders to Balmoral will result in a conference on the subject of Home Rule. The paper says there has undoubtedly been a friendly exchange of views.

ULSTER HEROICS.

LAST EFFORT TO SMASH THE BILL.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 24. The Unionist papers are devoting much space to the proceedings in Ulster. Sir Edward Carson and General Richardson met Unionist Members of the House of Commons at Captain Craig's house, in Belfast, last night to discuss the establishment of a provisional government which, it is expected, will be announced at a meeting of five hundred delegates of the Ulster Unionist Council to-day.

On Saturday Sir E. Carson will inspect fourteen Belfast regiments, each 800 strong, with complete communications, signalling and ambulance units. General Richardson, in command, accompanied by his staff, will be a feature of the gathering.

The Radical papers describe the proceedings of Sir E. Carson as a last desperate effort to smash the Bill. They declare that the manufacturers in Belfast are alarmed at the reckless speeches, fearing that the labour troubles in Dublin may be echoed in Belfast where the situation would be most serious with a populace armed with rifles and revolvers.

Mr. F. E. Smith has returned from Ulster to take up his duties on General French's Staff at the manoeuvres as a Lieutenant in the Yeomany.

GARROS' FLIGHT.

TOULON TO TUNIS IN SEVEN HOURS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 23. The aviator Garros has flown in an aeroplane from Toulon to Tunis, a distance of five hundred miles over the sea, in seven hours.

BOTHA CABINET.

COALITIONISTS DISAPPOINTED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 24. The reconstruction of General Botha's Cabinet with three new Afrikaner members has disappointed those who expected that the Hertzsog controversy would lead to a Coalition Government. The New Ministers however are all Moderates.

THE RISING IN MUSCAT.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

ALLAHABAD, Sept. 22. The only news lately received from Muscat is that the Imam with his rebel forces is trying to consolidate his authority inland. The Sultan has not sufficient force to prevent this.

FAMOUS NATIONALIST DEAD.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 24. The death is announced in New York of the noted Nationalist Patrick Ford.

DERBY CANDIDATE INSURED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 24. The phenomenal colt Tetrarch has been insured at Lloyd's against inability to run in the Derby of 1914 at the rate of 25 per cent.

AUSTRALIAN NAVAL BASES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 24. The well-known engineer, Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice is sailing for Australia to investigate, on behalf of the Commonwealth, the question of naval docks and bases from an engineering standpoint.

SERBIAN FORTS CAPTURED.

ALBANIAN TROOPS' SUCCESS. REINFORCEMENTS BEING SENT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

BELGRADE, Sept. 23. It is reported that twenty thousand well-armed Albanians commanded by Austrian and Bulgarian officers have captured the Serbian fortifications at Dibra. The Government is hastily sending reinforcements.

A DETERMINED BATTLE: BELGRADE, Sept. 24. It is officially stated that there was a determined battle lasting two hours between the Albanians and two companies of Serbian troops at Dibra on the 22nd instant. The Serbians withdrew towards Ritchevo. The Albanians were six thousand strong.

GREEK PREMIER. RECEIVES THE GRAND CROSS OF THE LEGION OF HONOUR.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 23. M. Poincare has conferred on M. Venizelos, the Greek Premier, the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

LESSON OF THE BALKAN WAR. INTERESTING SIMLA LECTURE.

(From our Correspondent.)

SIMLA, Sept. 24. The United Service Institution lecture was delivered this afternoon in the Gaity Theatre by Captain Crofton, R.H.A.H., his subject being an introduction to the study of war in the Balkan Peninsula in 1912. The General presided.

The lecturer dealt at length with the causes of the war and showed how Turkey was caught unprepared and suffered in consequence. He paid tribute to the fine fighting qualities of the Turkish soldier, but said the army was in process of reorganization and had been made inefficient by wrong methods being taken the supply and transport were bad and hence defeat could not be avoided, particularly as the 2nd line of troops who were maintained were not familiar with their weapons. Ammunition was short and the cavalry and horse artillery singularly deficient, though Thrace was the country where they could be used with advantage. He noticed the wonderful rehabilitation of the Turkish army as shown by the rapidity with which Adrianople was recaptured. The strength and organization of the allies was dealt with and the results of war were detailed, together with the lessons that could be learned from it.

By the aid of maps, Captain Crofton showed how the allies intended under their secret treaty to distribute the conquered territory, how these plans were modified by the treaty of London and finally how yet further modifications had followed upon Bulgaria's quarrel with Serbia and Greece.

General Aylmer in proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer said a great deal of valuable information had been put before them that afternoon. It took a great many years before a campaign revealed its true significance. It was better to study campaigns themselves than have their lessons as evolved by somebody else. There were fashions in what was called the military art and those fashions were more readily influenced by such lessons. That was the true art of war. There were a great many ways of doing the same thing in war, and because a victorious general adopts one way that did not prove that it was the only way. They must remember to do what they had in hand thoroughly and wholeheartedly according to whatever method they had chosen for carrying it out. The only lessons of the Balkan War that seemed to him at all plain at present were those of military policy and organization and these only confirmed what everyone should have known before, but alas they were constantly forgotten by those who should remember them. The first was the vicious system of adapting our military arrangements to meet a limited situation which was the offspring of so-called financial necessities, and our want of energy, self-sacrifice or thoroughness. In this spirit, Turkey came to the conclusion that the combination of the allies against her was quite outside the bounds of practical politics (a very favourite expression of the economist), and that it would be pure waste of money to provide for such a ridiculous contingency. Strength and efficiency of an army was the barometer of a nation's patriotism and these things could not be calculated like a mathematical problem. Again, Turkey trusted to the intervention of the Powers instead of trusting to herself. Such trust in outsiders was cheap and therefore commended only by those who had forgotten the old saying about not putting your trust in prices.

MEDITERRANEAN MANOEUVRES.

STRONG BRITISH NAVAL CONCENTRATION. "MOST IMPOSING DEMONSTRATION."

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 23. An important Admiralty announcement states that it has been decided to send a detachment of the First Fleet, consisting of four battleships, the Third Cruiser Squadron, the First Light Cruiser Squadron and the Third Flotilla, commanded by Vice-Admiral Sir Stanley Colville, to cruise in the Mediterranean in early November. They will return at Christmas. The Fourth Battle Squadron will join the detachment at Gibraltar, whereupon manoeuvres will be carried out in the Western Mediterranean Fleet.

On the termination of these exercises, the combined fleet, consisting of eight battleships, three battle-cruisers, eight cruisers, and eight light cruisers will proceed for a cruise as far as Alexandria, visiting various ports.

The Third Flotilla with sixteen modern destroyers will remain in the Mediterranean, the destroyers at present were returning home.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 24. The naval concentration in the Mediterranean will constitute the most imposing demonstration of naval power that Great Britain has ever made in the Mediterranean.

ROYAL BETROTHALS.

RUMANIA TO BE ALLIED TO RUSSIA AND GREECE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

BUKHAREST, Sept. 24. The betrothals are announced of Prince Charles of Rumania to the Grand-Duchess Olga of Russia, and Princess Elisabeth of Rumania to the Crown Prince George of Greece.

LATE MR. PERCY COATS.

LEFT OVER A MILLION.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 23. Mr. Percy Coats, who died on Sept. 15th, left over a million sterling. Three other members of the family have died in the last two years, leaving altogether over five millions sterling.

ALSIGILL DISASTER.

VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER AGAINST DRIVER.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 23. In contrast to the verdict at the inquest on other victims of the Alsigill disaster the inquest on Sir Arthur Douglas has resulted in a verdict of manslaughter against the driver of the second train.

MEXICAN REBELS.

TRAIN BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 23. Mexican rebels blew up a train with dynamite at Sartillo, killing forty Federal soldiers and ten passengers.

GUN EXPLODES.

INCIDENT AT MOULVI BAZAR.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Sept. 24. On the 20th a young man living with the Police Inspector of Moulti Bazar in Sylhet district was carrying a loaded gun along a public road when it exploded wounding an old woman, a boy and a man. It is reported that the gun did not belong to its carrier.

OBITUARY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 24. The Death is announced of Sir Walter Hely-Hutchinson.

CURRENCY COMMISSION.

GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESIDENCY BANKS.

A WISE AND CAUTIOUS POLICY.

(Specially written for the "Chronicle.")

The despatch of the Secretary of State, dated 6th May 1875, in reply to the one of the Government of India of 30th June 1874, foreshadowing for sanction the future policy which should be pursued in reference, to making available a part of the State's Surplus cash balances, is of such historic interest, and, besides, so valuable even to-day for appreciation of the prevalent controversy in a just and fair spirit, unshaken by the influence of any particular or class interest, that we make no apology in referring to some further observations therefrom, beyond those quoted in our issue of yesterday. Here is what Lord Salisbury observed in reference to the new arrangements proposed by the Government of India with the Presidency Banks:

Your proposal that a minimum balance should be fixed, all deductions from which should carry interest against you, appears to me to be reasonable. Without such a protection, express or implied, it would be difficult for the Banks to transact business with so large a customer. You would naturally take care to fix a minimum which should not impose any burden upon the State beyond what is necessary for their fair remuneration. Any such arrangement should be supplemented by a corresponding provision, that the balance which the Bank should desire to retain, they should bear interest in your favour.

It will be seen that the underlying principle insisted upon all through by the Secretary of State is the command and control of the funds temporarily placed, with the Presidency Banks, without any unfairness to those institutions. It seems that the same principle is still in vogue with the Government. The only difference between the old controversy and the one raised for some months past consists in the larger amount which the commercial bodies, heedless of this sound principle, are so eager the Government should make available to the Presidency Banks.

Reading their contention between the lines the student of finance and banking would easily discover that what is wanted by the Banks is an "open sesame." That is the hidden object. Is it unnatural that Sir William Meyer, reading that contention in the light we have just pointed out, submitted to the Bombay Chamber the following pertinent queries:—

1. "For what period you desire assistance and up to what estimated amount you would like the Government to provide money?"
2. "Do you desire that money to be in the shape of loans given to the Presidency Banks or merely by means of expansion of the deposits with these Banks?"
3. "If in the shape of loans what terms of interest do you suggest, and what do you consider should be the currency of the loans?"
4. "How should the repayment of the loans be secured; by deposit of Government securities or otherwise?"

These are legitimate queries which a Finance Minister, who is the watch dog of the surplus funds of the general taxpayer, is in duty bound to put to the men of commerce who, instead of finding accommodation by independent means open to all other men of commerce in the world, seek to benefit themselves, even for a few short months, at the expense of the taxpayer who, to them, is quite a negligible entity!

THE CRUX OF THE QUESTION.

But let us hark back to the minatory observations of the Secretary of State, observations which have not lost an iota of their force and significance, even after a lapse of nearly 40 years, observations which are exceedingly relevant even to-day to enlighten the general public and guide them to a right understanding of the larger problem of public finance, how far any Government can make surplus funds belonging to the general body of taxpayers available to a particular interest. That is the whole crux of the question. It is this question which the Currency Commission will have to answer with Rhadamantne impartiality. The question involves two important propositions: (1) What are the relations of a Government and its obligations towards the general taxpayer; and (2) how far a Government can safely and wisely deem it right, in view of those obligations, to favour a class interest?

Lord Salisbury solved the problem very correctly. He observed to the

Government of India that they should take care to make it clearly understood that the amount of your deposits is discretionary, and that, if it is convenient to you at any time to retain in the Treasury the proceeds of the revenue, the Banks possess no rights in respect to it that will entitle them to complain. Nothing could be clearer than this declaration of the policy of the State, and yet they scream aloud, ignoring the fact of the State's own duties and obligations to the taxpayer, whose monies it holds in trust for the benefit of all and no particular class.

But here follows another pregnant observation which is full of cautious statesmanship:

In ordinary times you will not probably wish to retain money in the Treasury. If any apprehension of difficulty is felt, or if the course taken by any Bank induces you to trust it with the custody of large deposits, it will be at your discretion to hold back the growing produce of the revenue in the Treasury. Instead of paying it over to the Bank. At a very brief notice, you will be able to accumulate in your own coffers, the two millions which you judge to be necessary for your security in times of pressure, even if a large portion of it cannot be provided by drawing upon your balances. Any sum so reserved you will deal with according to the exigencies of the time, and the competent for your Financial Department to retain it in the Treasury to lend it for short terms under suitable conditions as to interest and security.

THE PRESENT PRACTICE.

It may be said that all along for these many years the Financial Department has been following this wholesome policy. At the same time it should be remembered that the exigencies of the Indian Government are such, with its growing revenue and its corresponding expenditure, that it now requires at the very least, from eight to ten millions as the late Sir James Westland informed the Bombay Chamber some few years ago! It is even now now. Nay, even the balances have swollen they have made more monies available to the Presidency Banks, as so well pointed out by Sir W. Meyer the other day, and so conclusively proved by Mr. Lionel Abraham himself in one of the important papers on the subject submitted to the Commission. For instance in Paper No. 11 (vide page 3 of appendix 1) Mr. Abraham observes that, while the existing agreement with the Banks is to hold for the Government, their head offices without interest amounts as follows, namely:

Bank of Bengal	223,000
Bank of Madras	219,000
Bank of Bombay	213,000

In actual practice, the Government of India is much more liberal to the Banks than is provided for in the agreement. They usually keep at the head offices of the three Banks the following amounts:

Bank of Bengal	247,000 to 253,000
Bank of Madras	247,000 to 253,000
Bank of Bombay	247,000 to 253,000

It is evident that the Banks are insatiable. Their appetite for balances grows, more, the more they get, and still they cry aloud for more! Under the circumstances none can gainsay that the Finance Minister was not justified in telling the Bombay Chamber that they were a little "unkind" to the Government which was dealing with the banks more liberally than warranted by the bond.

A WHOLESOME PRECAUTION.

But we have yet to give another extract which is as brimful of sound common sense as it is of practical statesmanship. There is Lord Salisbury's injunction that the Banks should be required to abstain from the hazardous business of foreign exchanges, and from lending on any but the most approved securities. A weekly statement, such as that which is issued by the Bank of England, together with a weekly classification of the securities on which they have advanced should be supplied by a responsible officer, who should be bound to a true statement under penalty. You will at the same time require such confidential returns as may be necessary to place your Excellency in full possession of all the requisite information with respect to the distribution of the resources of the Banks and to the character of their operations. If the information furnished by these returns is sufficiently detailed, it will not be necessary to reserve a power of inspection which might be impugned upon when in the public view an undue responsibility for the management of the Banks, and would, in other respects place the Government in a false position towards them.

Every experienced banker would, we venture to say, heartily approve of the above wholesome and sound precaution. Lord Salisbury had, no doubt, at the date of the despatch, justly in his mind the startling revelations which the Bank of Bombay Commission had made in 1871 with regard to the disastrous collapse in 1867 of the old Bank of Bombay. The injunction that the Presidency Banks should not embark on foreign exchanges was indeed most far-sighted and extremely called for. Otherwise it is not difficult to assert what some of those Banks might have ventured upon and what losses they might have incurred during the eighties when exchange was going down alarmingly at a rapid rate. We cannot but admire the extreme care, caution and foresight the Government had all through exercised in this matter in relation to the Banks. They have admirably safeguarded the interests of the taxpayers and yet it is amazing to notice how again the cry has been heard that those Banks should be permitted to deal in foreign exchanges!

It may be that exchange is on a somewhat stable footing, thanks to the purely artificial prop of the Gold Standard Reserve. But the events of 1907-8 show how there still lurks a great danger in permitting these Banks to deal in foreign exchanges. Indeed, we all know, how the Exchange Banks themselves have looked with disfavour on this unwise proposal and expressed their views accordingly to the Government. It is to be hoped that the Commission by a majority (for there are at least two or three members who are in favour of it) will set its face against this resurrected cry, so fraught with risk as it is even under existing conditions.

DUBLIN STRIKE.

NATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION. PREPARED TO APPEAL FOR SUFFERERS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 23. The National Transport Workers' Federation at a meeting in London to-day decided to inform the Dublin Trades Council that it regards it as futile to afford any help to the Dublin strikers except to place the machinery of the Federation at the disposal of those desiring to terminate the dispute. The Federation is prepared, however, to appeal for funds for sustenance of the sufferers.

A SHIPLOAD OF PROVISIONS.

The Parliament Committee of the Trades Union Congress has decided to send a shipload of provisions to Dublin, at a cost of £5,000, in aid of the strikers.

THE TRAIN MURDER.

FURTHER EVIDENCE.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

ALLAHABAD, Sept. 24. At the further hearing, at Basti, of the charge against Samsud Din, of having murdered Miss Murphy on the 10th September.

Amica re-examined, the assistant station master stated that he had been informed of the murder by a telegram about 11 p.m. on 3rd September. He and constable Gopal Dass searched the dining car of No. 2 down train. Then they came out on to the platform and heard the accused saying that he knew all about the affair and that the guard had killed the Miss Sahib. The accused was taken into custody immediately and there was found in his possession No. 1-0-9, and tied in one corner of his dhoti were four pieces of a silver bangle. A zenna dhoti, which the accused was wearing, appeared to be bloodstained. The accused said openly that he would tell all about the murder, if he received a reward.

Mustafa Khan and Monan Lunia, painters in the O. and N. Railway workshops at Lucknow, the former a resident of Benares and the latter of Gorakhpur, and countrymen of the accused, both gave evidence of having travelled in the train on which the murder took place. At Gorakhpur at 6 p.m. the accused came to the door of their compartment, which was the second carriage from the one in which Miss Murphy was murdered. The accused was prevented from getting into their compartment by another passenger and he went away. Both witnesses went to sleep during the night and when they awoke at Gonda they heard about the murder.

Sita Ram, a cigarette vendor at Basti station, was the next witness. He said the accused had bought some cigarettes and a box of matches from him while No. 1 up train was in the station. The accused was wearing a kurta then but when the witness saw him next morning he had none.

Isri Chamber of Basti denied he was related to the accused.

A man named Sukkha (not Sukkhu) of Gorakhpur was the witness' son-in-law. The accused insisted on his relationship to the witness.

The hearing will be resumed on September 25.

HON. MR. ABBOTT AT AGRA.

800 ANGLO-INDIANS TO VISIT OLD COUNTRY.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

AGRA, Sept. 24. The President of the Anglo-Indian Empire League, Mr. Abbott, was given an entertainment at Agra by the local Anglo-Indians, at the G. I. P. Railway Institute.

The Rev. Father Norman, D. D., took the chair and, in introducing Mr. Abbott, spoke of his zeal, energy, and labours for the good of the Anglo-Indian cause, and exhorted his hearers to take their proper place in the progressive political life of the country.

A complimentary address was presented to Mr. Abbott, which referred to the importance of unity of action on the part of Anglo-Indians, and concluded by requesting him to inaugurate a branch of the League at Agra.

Mr. McDougall delivered a speech in which he urged united action. Mr. Abbott then addressed the meeting, and enjoined the community to shake off the "slough of despond" into which it had fallen. He felt sure he could help them, but they must bring themselves into line with the requirements of the times by education, enlightenment, self-help and unity.

Mr. Abbott thanked Mr. Fred Ellis for the support he had given to the Anglo-Indian League in the columns of his old-established paper.

He outlined a scheme which he had in view, of chartering a steamer to take a contingent of about 800 men, women and especially children, to London next year, in order to give them an opportunity of viewing the old country and having friendly intercourse with their kinsmen across the seas, many of whom were in a position to influence the affairs of the community in this country.

A very large number of audiences of both sexes signed the League registers as members.

POSTMEN'S ULTIMATUM. SIX WEEKS' TIME GIVEN. "MEAN AND UNTRUE" SUGGESTION.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Sept. 24.

A conference of telegraph and postal clerks at Liverpool passed a resolution instructing the Executive immediately to agitate for an all-round increase of wages commensurate with the increased cost of living. The Resolution added that failing a satisfactory reply in six weeks a conference should be convened to consider what action should be taken.

A manifesto issued by postal employees denies that the recommendations of the Holt Committee involve an expenditure of a million yearly, and declares that more than a decade will elapse before such an increase is incurred. The manifesto describes as mean and untrue the suggestion that the recommendations would be the cause of additional taxation, and exhorts the public to remember that the present discontent is not the work of the leaders. The latter have counselled moderation but have been overruled by an overwhelming vote of the members.

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK.

ABLE TO MEET ALL POSSIBLE DEMANDS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

LAHORE, Sept. 24.

The Directors of the Punjab National Bank, one of the largest and oldest of the indigenous banks in Lahore, have issued a statement to their shareholders stating that they have in hand Rs. 35 lakhs in Government securities, besides a large cash balance; and that most of their investments are in liquid securities, only a small proportion being in land and house properties.

They can, therefore, meet with all possible demands.

ANOTHER BANK STOPS PAYMENT.

LAHORE, Sept. 24.

The Bank of Peshawar at Gujranwala, started sometimes ago by a leading local pleader with a nominal capital of five lakhs has suspended payment. At Lahore things have resumed their normal condition to-day in the principle Indian banks. The total withdrawal from the different banks in the three days of rush was over twelve lakhs. Some degree of commotion is yet reported from mofussil stations.

STATION MASTER ARRESTED.

ATTEMPT TO REMOVE A BOX OF TREASURE.

A sensational arrest was effected yesterday at Saraghat on the E. B. S. Railway, when Mr. Scott, Station Master of that place was arrested on a charge of theft of Rs. 4,000 and released on bail. From particulars to hand it appears that Government treasure arrived at Saraghat in boxes of Rs. 4,000 each and was being transhipped to Damkida by ferry when it is alleged that Mr. Scott had one box removed to his quarters and substituted in its place another box of the same description. The property was subsequently discovered in the kitchen attached to Mr. Scott's premises. Circumstances surrounding the charge are at present very mysterious. Trial will take place shortly in the Court of the Deputy Magistrate at Nattore.

ALLEGED BRIBERY.

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER CHARGED.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

LAHORE, Sept. 24.

The commission of enquiry into the charges of bribery against Mr. Barkat Ali, Extra Assistant Commissioner, has begun its sittings at Ferozpur. The charges are arranged under four heads, in respect of various sums alleged to have been accepted as a motive for showing favour to parties in suits.

The accused pleaded not guilty.

ASSAULT ON A BARRISTER.

SEQUEL TO A CALCUTTA SUIT.

CALCUTTA, Sept. 24.

This afternoon at the High Court before Mr. Justice Imam, Mr. Rasul narrated a sad story of a barrister being assaulted in the discharge of his official duty in the suit about the Albert House pending in the High Court, in which Mr. P. Chowdhury, Barrister, was appointed receiver. To-day Mr. Chowdhury went over to the Hall to take possession of the premises when he was assaulted by one of the defendants. Counsel submitted that this was gross contempt of Court. His Lordship directed Mr. Chowdhury to file a petition.

PERSIAN PROBLEM. FINANCIAL HELP OR ARMED INTERVENTION?

SIX MILLIONS LOAN.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

The "Times" in an article, discussing the possibility of a six million sterling Persian loan, says that Imperial reasons preclude us from letting Persia collapse.

Is it cheaper to help her financially, hoping that she will recover strength, or to let her drift towards final disaster with the inevitable sequel of military intervention?

If we are compelled to send a force from India, the ultimate cost must far exceed the sum suggested. We shall in that case be entering on a policy full of danger, accompanied by an outlay of an extent which cannot be foreseen.

We trust that the question of the loan, publicly raised, under guarantee of Britain, or possibly in conjunction with Russia, will be carefully considered. It is impossible to say that the loan will save Persia, but it is worth trying.

MYSORE RAILWAYS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

BANGALORE, Sept. 23.

Mr. Bell, Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction in Mysore, is of opinion that the Bowringpet-Kolar line, (11 miles of 2 ft. 6 inch. gauge), will be ready for traffic on 15th November next; as to the Bangalore-Chikballapur Light Railway, the section between Yellabanka and Devanahalli will be ready in February or March. The directors of the Madras and S. M. Railway object to a third rail being laid to join this line over their metre gauge between Yellabanka and Bangalore, but by widening its cuttings and culverts, the new line is to be run practically along side it into Bangalore city.

KARACHI TORTURE CASE.

JAIL OFFICIALS IMPLICATED.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

KARACHI, Sept. 23.

A case is before the Karachi Sessions Court in which a Deputy Jailor, a Jail Warder, and a Police Constable, of Karachi are charged with torturing three men with intent to extort from them a confession of guilt.

The case appears to excite extraordinary interest in the Indian quarter and the Court yesterday was besieged with people keen to know how the proceedings would end. Evidence of an extraordinary kind was given by one of the three complainants as to the nature of the torture to which he was subjected.

Mr. Raymond, the Public Prosecutor, is appearing for the Crown and three lawyers have been engaged for the defence.

SEDITIONOUS PAMPHLET.

DISTRIBUTED WIDELY IN CALCUTTA AND MOFUSSIL.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Sept. 24.

On enquiry in connection with the discovery of a seditious leaflet purporting to be a new issue of "Swadhin Bharta" in Calcutta it has been ascertained that copies of the same pamphlet were found in various public places of Calcutta and mofussil towns. The police have seized copies of the same at Naraingunge, Sylhet, Barisal and other places.

FRONTIER RAID.

POSTAL ESCORT ATTACKED.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

SIMLA, Sept. 24.

A Press "communique" states:—On the 20th September the levies escorting the post to Chitral were attacked near the Rowrai Pass by a gang of raiders whose identity has not yet been established. One levy was killed and four were wounded, while one man is missing. A mail bag and two rifles were lost.

The latest report is that the scouts and levies were pursuing the raiders in the direction of Chatorbat.

THE "ZEMINDAR'S" SECURITY.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

LAHORE, Sept. 23.

The "Zemindar" newspaper press, whose security deposit of Rs. 2,000 was recently forfeited, having applied to the Deputy Commissioner, Lahore, for leave to renew the declaration which expires on the 28th instant, a fresh security of Rs. 10,000 has been demanded.

VAIKOM MURDER CASE.

WHAT THE BHISTI SAW.

BUTLER'S EVIDENCE.

(Specially Reported for "The Chronicle.")

KOTTAYAM, Sept. 24.

The prosecution witness Sankaram, examined by the Sirkar Vakil, yesterday, deposed that he was employed under the deceased as waterman for one and a half years and was staying in the bungalow. There were five servants in the house. Swanny was also staying in the bungalow. On the night the incident occurred Stephens had his dinner with the first and second accused. They both went to sleep before Stephens. After dinner Stephens told his butler to prepare to start for Trichur the next day. Mrs. Stephens went to bed at 10. He was reading till then. Stephens slept in the same room as Mrs. Stephens and Swanny in an adjoining room. Witness slept in the verandah.

HEARS REPORT OF A GUN.

At 4-30 in the morning witness heard the report of a gun, rose and sat on the mat. Smoke was seen coming out of Stephens' bedroom. The chokra and butler went to the door and Mrs. Stephens came out of the room. The butler asked her the cause of the gun report. She said that Stephens had shot himself. She sat on Swanny's butler's mat and asked the butler to open the door to the verandah. When the door was opened Swanny came and with Mrs. Stephens went westward through the southern verandah. The butler and the chokra were told by Swanny that they could not enter Stephens' bedroom till the police came. Swanny sent the butler with a letter to the police station. A light placed there in the evening was burning. Witness found the chokra at the landing calling the boatman. The chokra asked witness to return to the bungalow. Being afraid witness sat on the road and seeing Pathros and the butler return from the police station joined them. At 6 in the morning witness entered the room after the police had come and saw blood and brains scattered in the room. He also saw the gun.

Witness identified the gun. It was Swanny's, and was brought when he came. The gun was in Swanny's bedroom on Sunday night in the gun box. Witness saw Swanny put the gun in the box. That day Swanny's butler cleaned the gun and took it to Swanny's bedroom. Witness did not know whether the servant was asked by Swanny to do so. The gun box would be found sometimes in the verandah. Before the chokra was sent out Mrs. Stephens had removed to the verandah at her instance. No cry was heard from Stephens' bedroom with the report of the gun. The doors leading outside were closed before they went to bed. The chokra used to close the door of Swanny's bedroom.

BUTLER CORROBORATES WATERMAN'S STORY.

Varoeth, Swanny's butler, deposed that in May and June he went with Swanny to Vaikom and stayed in the dentist Stephens' bungalow. Witness did not know the exact date of Stephens' death. The day after witness with Swanny returned to Trivandrum after a stay at Vaikom of some twenty days before the occurrence. Stephens went to sleep at 10 and the first and second accused went earlier. Stephens called the servants as usual before going to bed and then went to sleep himself. Witness heard the report of a gun between 4 and 4-30 in the morning and woke up frightened. Pathros and the butler went near Stephens' bedroom when Mrs. Stephens came out. Witness asked her what had happened, she said that Stephens had killed himself. Witness did not remember whether the butler asked Mrs. Stephens anything. She sat down of witness' mat. Sankaram and witness lifted the door curtain, looked in and found Stephens' head blown out and the brains scattered. Witness was frightened and had to go back. Nothing else could be seen as the light fell only on the deceased's head. The butler and Pathros went to the police station. Witness did not go anywhere. Witness faintly and sat down on the doorstep. Swanny had brought a gun from Trivandrum. The gunbox and the gun were identified.

THERE WERE CARTRIDGES IN THE GUNBOX.

Under Swanny's orders witness cleaned the gun the day before Stephens' death. That day the gun was placed in Swanny's bedroom. Witness did not look the box as he did not know how to lock it. For cleaning the gun was not taken to pieces. Witness did not know if the gun was loaded. They were preparing to leave next day after breakfast but did not do so. A bicycle, two doves, and two lapps belonging to the deceased were taken to Trivandrum. Witness' residence at Trivandrum was searched by the police and a loaded cartridge, a bullet and a handkerchief were found in his box and taken.

These were identified. The handkerchief belongs to Swanny as also the cartridge. Witness was Swanny's service only for a short time. Before that he was employed under his father, a retired Police Superintendent. Further hearing of the case was adjourned to the 30th instant.

ALLEGED ENTICEMENT.

CRAWFORD-WATSON CASE.

DALLIANCE AT MATHERAN.

At the Mazagon Police Court,

yesterday, before Rao Bahadur Chunnial H. Setalvad, Second Presidency Magistrate, the hearing was resumed of the case in which Mr. K. M. Watson, formerly office superintendent at the Bombay Electric Company, charged Mr. A. A. Crawford, proprietor of that Company, with criminal intimacy with his wife and with enticing her away. Mr. Payne, solicitor, defended the accused.

Mr. E. Miall, an assistant at Messrs. Badham Pile and Co.'s shop, deposed to having seen the complainant's wife and the accused seated together in the orchestra stalls during a performance at the Royal Opera House on the night of the 7th June. Mrs. Watson did not in any way seem disturbed. She did not appear to him as if she was crying. From January to April he was complainant's neighbour and during that time he never heard the complainant and his wife quarrelling. The complainant (to witness): Did we not appear to be a happy couple? Mr. Payne: The witness is no expert on matrimony. His Worship (To witness): Are you a married man? The witness: Yes. His Worship: Then you can say something about it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Payne, the witness said he lived in a separate room from those occupied by the complainant and his room. He left the shop at 6-30 p.m. and went home straight almost every day.

His Worship: That is a very wise course to follow.

Mr. Payne: Though a little bit dull, sir. Mr. D. P. Nanavati, a merchant, said he met the complainant, his wife and the accused near the bazaar at Matheran on Sunday the 1st June. On H. M. the King's birthday he with his family went on a picnic. When they reached Panoramia Point they found nobody there. Subsequently he saw the accused and the complainant's wife coming on horseback. They dismounted and came on arm in arm. They sat on a stone, when he saw the accused put his arm round Mrs. Watson's waist. They were quite alone where they were and could not see the witness and family who were in the bush. The accused and Mrs. Watson had remained there for about three-quarters of an hour, when the witness and party left the place. The accused was during this time photographing Mrs. Watson in different positions. The same evening the witness saw the accused and Mrs. Watson on horseback near the Matheran Stall. He had never heard the complainant and his wife quarrelling.

The complainant here closed: his case.

ACCUSED'S STATEMENT.

The accused in his statement to the Court said that with reference to the Matheran visit, Mrs. Watson and he rode to a point on the near side of the hillock at Panoramia Point. They left the spees with the horses there and walked on the far side of the hillock towards the open plateau. On the way there they saw Mr. Nanavati and his family on the hillock. A lady was singing in French and Mrs. Watson told him (the accused) the lady was Mrs. Nanavati. The plateau on which the Nanavatis family was seated overlooked the one on which the accused and Mrs. Watson were seated. He did not put his arm round Mrs. Watson's waist. Afterwards when Mr. Nanavati wished him, and he returned the greeting, Mrs. Watson was angered with the witness as evidently she did not like Mr. Nanavati. Subsequently when they returned, Mrs. Watson rode past the Nanavati party and quick trot or canter. The invitation to dinner in Bombay was given to and accepted by the complainant three days previously. Mr. and Mrs. Watson were invited to the accused's place for the evening of the 7th. Subsequently he (the accused) happened to go to Messrs. Rose and Co., where he said the prospectus of a dancing carnival. The thing attracted him and afterwards he asked the complainant if he and Mrs. Watson would go to the theatre with him. Mr. Watson was agreeable to the proposal. Mr. and Mrs. Watson did not turn up at his place according to the appointment. The accused therefore went to their place, where he saw Mrs. Watson was in tears and the ribbon on her dress was partially torn. He asked her what the matter was and she told him her husband was jealous of him and had been accusing her and relieving her. In reply to him, the complainant said he had not abused her and was not jealous of him. He then reviled his wife and said that she must leave his place. He told her he would murder her if she attempted to enter his place again. She and the accused then went to the latter's place. She refused to have any food and he therefore took her to a theatre so that it might distract her thoughts from her troubles.

The further hearing was adjourned till to-day.

BOMBAY ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

PAPER ON TIBETAN PRAYER MACHINES.

At the ordinary monthly meeting of the Society held in the rooms of the local branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, at the Town Hall, yesterday evening, under the presidency of Lieutenant-Colonel K. R. Kirtikar, I.M.S. (retd.), Papers were read on "Tibetan Customs and a few thoughts suggested by them" by Shams-ul-Ulma Dr. Jivani Jamshedji Modi, B.A., Ph.D. and "A few Parsee Riddles" by Mr. Rustomji Nasarwanji Munshi.

Dr. Jivani Modi said that this was his second paper on the Tibetan customs and manners he had observed at Darjeeling, his first paper being on the Prayer-flags.

The Prayer-wheels formed a class of what can be called the Prayer-machines of the Tibetans. They were in the form of barrels or cylinders turning on an axis. They varied in size from half a foot in length and three inches in diameter to six feet in length and three to four feet in diameter. The smallest were carried in hands by the Lamas or priests and other pious laymen Buddhists. The larger ones were placed in the outer corridors or verandahs of the Gumpas or monasteries. The large ones were really, as it were, machines, and they required an effort to pull them. While turning they struck two bells and gave a ringing sound. They had Buddhist prayers written on the outside of the cylinders and on rolls of papers put round the axis. The belief was, that every time a person turned those Prayer-wheels or machines, with every turn, he, as it were, recited the prayer written on it.

PRAYER-WHEELS ON HILL-TOPS.

In Tibet itself, it is said that religiously inclined people created light machines on the tops of hills and on rivers, so that they may turn by the force of the wind and the running water and thus bring them the religious merit of the recital of the prayers written on them. They put it even above the fire-places in their houses so that the force of the rising heated air may turn it. One cannot exactly trace the origin of this custom or idea. But what seems to have happened is possibly this. The old Buddhist prayers were written on the rolls of papers, like those which on sees even now in the case of some horoscopes. In the case of the long prayers or larger scriptures the scrolls put round a piece of wood or stick like an axis. The reader turned the scroll and the prayer was thus recited with one or more turns of the roll or cylinder. Man looks for haste, early despatch, facility and convenience, even in his prayer business. A shortening or curtailing process is at the bottom. Hence at first they began the shortening-process by reading the prayers over the turning wheels. Gradually the shortening process continued. Then it came to the mere mechanical process of turning the wheel. The custom of the use of rosary in prayers among all nations of which Dr. Modi said he would speak on some other occasion, presented much to support this view. Some Parsee customs supported this view.

"HIP HIP HURRAH."

The history of the use of the words "Hip Hip Hurrah" gives us an idea of the shortening-process. It is said that Peter, the Hermit, while going from village to village to preach the crusades, moved the flag of the Cross in his hand and shouted "Hierusalem est perdita" i.e., "Jerusalem is lost." The people, being accustomed to his presence and his shouts, he, latterly, in order to save trouble and time, instead of shouting all the above three words, shouted only their first letters, h. i. and p. These three letters gave the word "Hip." So, he shouted the word "Hip" to rouse the people, who in their turn responded in sympathy crying "Hurrah." This was a kind of holy expression of joy and sympathy. Latterly the cry came from the Church to the festive board and festive gathering.

SOME PARSEE RIDDLES.

Mr. Munshi said that Dr. W. Schultz, a correspondent of the Solway Institute (Brussels), is now engaged in collecting all the works relating to riddles in every country of the world. He has asked the help of this Society in his work. It is with a view to help Dr. Schultz that he has collected at the desire of the Hon. Secretary of the Society, about 150 riddles, known among the Parsees. Some of these he placed before the Society in the form of a Paper before sending them to Dr. Schultz. He said that there was no collection of riddles among the Parsees in a printed book-form. The riddles have been handed down from tradition and a few that were discussed in his paper, were, along with others, collected from some members of his family and from a lady friend. He quoted some extracts to show that the riddles "are not to be despised as trivial. They represent the earliest attempt to exercise reason, imagination and memory" and also serve as one of the innocent pastimes of the younger folks. The riddles, discussed and commented upon in this paper, dealt with some of the elements, the heavenly bodies, Jurers of Silence, toddy, rups and some catables etc.

CAWNPORE MOSQUE FUND.

VICEROY'S CONTRIBUTION.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CAWNPORE, Sept. 24.

The total collections in aid of the Cawnpore Mosque Fund so far amount to Rs. 80,000. The larger contributions include collections by (1) the "Zemindar" of Lahore Rs. 24,000, (2) the "Hamdard" and "Comrade" of Delhi Rs. 12,000, (3) the Lucknow Association Rs. 10,000, (4) Cawnpore contributions Rs. 18,000, (5) Bengal and Bihar contributions Rs. 10,000. It is expected that the fund will soon exceed a lakh of rupees. Relief from this fund is now being regularly given to sufferers from the recent riots.

Besides this fund Messrs. Tyler, Collector, and Kindall, District Judge, have also contributed handsome amounts for the relief of sufferers which along with some other contributions received by the Collector, have been distributed among deserving people through semi-official agency. It is also understood that His Excellency the Viceroy has sent Rs. 500 for distribution among sufferers from the recent riots.

MAUD ALLAN.

MADRAS "EUROPEAN DEFENCE" OPINION.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MADRAS, Sept. 24.

At a meeting of the Madras branch of the European Defence Association regarding the forthcoming visit of Miss Maud Allan to this city it was decided after some discussion to send the following letter to Miss Maud Allan's manager in Bombay:—The Madras branch of the European Defence Association have noted with interest Miss Maud Allan's intended visit to this city. They are of opinion that her oriental dances are open to misconception and this branch of the Association would respectfully suggest that they should be eliminated from her repertoire.

To THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—The bottom picture of Maud Allan, appearing in your journal to-day, really uplifts one's mind to a great extent and gives a direct slap in the face to every one of her slanderers. These must be totally un-British, if they fail to show enough fairness to appreciate the great probability of the original of your picture giving refined India a sublime treat and spiritual blessings. If, with the adoption of a little fairness towards Maud Allan's exhibitions and India's spiritual temperament, the heat happens to subside, I daresay, the present agitation will fall into the right channel of upholding British Woman's prestige, to which, not nature rendered into motion and music, but ardent exhibitions, in public, of billing and cooing deal the worst blow.

Yours, etc., SHAMED.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

SIMLA, Sept. 24.

Capt. Druce, Royal West Kent Regt., is permitted to retire from the service.

The following Royal Artillery officers have been ordered Home during the current trooping season, on completion of a tour of foreign service:—Capt. Addison, Adjutant, 7th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, Rawalpindi.

Lieut. Baker No. 69 Co., Royal Garrison Artillery, Karachi.

Lieut. Wylie, No. 70 Co., Royal Garrison Artillery, Aden.

Col. W. E. O'Leary embarks for India on 9th October on his appointment as Assistant Adjutant-General, Army Headquarters.

Lieut. Col. M. S. Eyre, from the Royal Garrison Artillery, London, has been selected for the command of the British Mountain Artillery at Quetta in January next.

An exchange has been approved between Capt. J. E. Drysdale, Durham Light Infantry, and Lieut. A. J. Clifton, Army Service Corps.

Capt. Bates, 7th Hussars is appointed Adjutant of the North Somerset Yeomanry, Territorial Force.

Capt. I. De Roberts, Adjutant, 18th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, Hyderabad, is appointed to the Egyptian Army.

Capt. W. R. Gray, 25th Batta, Royal Field Artillery Lahore, is transferred to the 125th Batta, Royal Field Artillery, on the Home establishment.

ALLAHABAD, Sept. 24.

The Commander-in-Chief will attend the staff ride in Lahore Division early in November.

An Ajmer correspondent states that steps are now being taken to deal with the scarcity of food in the deficiency in the rains in Rajputana.

The troops moving up in the annual relief to Chitral are not finding difficulties on their way, as the inter-tribal fighting of the Dir factions has not been renewed.

PRESS ACT IN THE PUNJAB.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

LAHORE, Sept. 24.

The proprietor of the "Rifa-U-Am" Press, whose security of Rs. 500 had been forfeited, has been informed that a fresh security of Rs. 1,000 will be required to renew the declaration.

SALVATION ARMY AND CRIMINAL TRIBES.

NEW SETTLEMENT IN SOUTH ARCTIC.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MADRAS, Sept. 24.

The Collector of South Arcot on the 22nd instant opened at Cuddalore an agricultural settlement for a criminal tribe to be supervised by the Salvation Army. About two years ago Khan Bahadur Azizuddin Sahab, Collector, submitted to Government a scheme with a view to weaning the Pariahs of Vepur, who are a notorious community of thieves and dacoits, from a life of crime and Government accepted the scheme. The Collector accordingly selected an extensive area of over a thousand acres of very valuable land for the purpose of the settlement. It is estimated that the value of the land in five years will rise up to five lakhs of rupees.

VICEREGAL NEWS.

GUESTS AT DINNER PARTY.

(From our Correspondent.)

SIMLA, Sept. 24.

Her Excellency Lady Hardinge and house party attended a performance of "Mr. Freddy and the Countess" at the Gaiety Theatre last night.

Mrs. Keighley left Viceroyal Lodge yesterday.

Mrs. Sherston arrived at Viceroyal Lodge yesterday as the guest of the Viceroy and Lady Hardinge.

There was a dinner party at Viceroyal Lodge this evening and among those present were the Nawab of Rampur, Capt. V. A. S. Keighley, Mrs. Sherston, the Maharaja of Alwar, Sir Henry and Lady McMahon, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, Major-General, Mrs. and Miss Campbell, Major-General and Mrs. Hunter, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Dallas, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Shore, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Walker, Lt.-Col. R. Smith, Lt.-Col. Austen Rothe and Miss Smith, Lt.-Col. Jay Gould, Major and Mrs. Selby and Revd. Hickie.

HIMALAYAN EXPLORATION.

ITALIAN CELEBRITIES AT WORK.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

ALLAHABAD, Sept. 24.

During the past summer an Italian exploring expedition has been at work in the western Himalayas.

It arrived quietly in May and proceeded to Kashmir, its main object being to scale the Munkun peak (23,470 feet), the summit of which had never been reached.

Dr. Piacenza was in charge of the party and with him was the celebrated Duke of the Abruzzi who had been with the Workmans when they made their attack on the Nunun group of peaks in 1908.

HELPING AGAINST FRONTIER RAIDERS.

REWARDS FOR GALLANTRY.

(From our Correspondent.)

SIMLA, Sept. 24.

On September 18th a number of the leading men of the districts of Mianwali, Attock and Shapur assembled at Sakasor to witness the distribution by the Commissioner of Rawalpindi of the rifles, watches and certificates presented by Government to Khan Bahadur Abdul Karim Khan and others of the Isa Khel tahsil for their services in connection with the pursuit and capture of trans-border raiders.

Stress was laid in the speeches delivered on the occasion, on the readiness with which the Muhammadan gentry turned out in defence of the Hindu family which was attacked and on the value of this kind of co-operation between the two great religious communities.

HIGH COURT.

APPELLATE SIDE.

RENT IN DISPUTE.

HOUSE AGENT ACQUITTED.

(Before Justices Heaton and Shah.)
KING-EMPEROR V. YASANT SADASHIV DHOTRE.

The accused in this case was charged before the Chief Presidency Magistrate, under Section 406, I. P. C. with criminal breach of trust, and sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 500, or, in default, to two months' simple imprisonment.

The facts of the case are these:—The complainant is the managing Director of the Cosmopolitan Bank, (Pvt.) which has its registered office at 127, Hornby-road. The accused is the proprietor of B. Sakharani and Co., house agents, who have their office in Humnani-street.

The complainant hired the above-mentioned premises through the said B. Sakharani and Co. On 25th November 1912, he paid to the accused Rs. 250, being the rent in advance for 12 months, to be given to Messrs. Essofally Mahomedally and Co., the owners of the above-mentioned premises. The accused passed a receipt to the complainant for the amount received. Afterwards, the owner of the building, Badri Mahal, in which the complainant's office is situated, demanded the rent from the complainant for December 1912. The complainant told the owners that he had paid the rent to the accused on their behalf. The owners told the complainant that the accused had not paid the amount to them. Ultimately the complainant paid to Essofally Mahomedally and Co. the rent for December, 1912, and January and February 1913, on the 7th March 1913. On hearing from the proprietors, that the rent for December 1912 had not been paid to them by the accused, the complainant repeatedly asked the accused to return the amount to him. The accused failed to do so. The complainant sent the accused a notice on the 1st April, 1913, demanding the amount from him. There was no reply to that notice. A notice was then sent through a pleader, which was also not replied to. The accused told the complainant that he had no money with him and that therefore he could not return the amount. The accused, who was entrusted with Rs. 250 to be paid to the owners of Badri Mahal dishonestly misappropriated the amount and committed criminal breach of trust.

Mr. Aston convicted the accused. He said that he believed the evidence of the complainant. It was not disputed by the defence that Rs. 250 had been paid by the complainant and received by the firm of B. Sakharani and Co., as rent in advance for December, and that the rent had not been paid to the landlord. The complainant had established the fact that he had no personal interest at stake in filing this complaint for the Bank had reimbursed him for the amount paid in advance for rent, and no reasonable motive had been shown why the complainant should falsely charge the accused and give himself the trouble of prosecution. There was nothing to show that any quarrel had taken place on any occasion between the complainant and the accused and the accused's own brothers did not even allege any fact indicating enmity.

CONVICTION SET ASIDE.

Their Lordships, after hearing the arguments of counsel, set aside the conviction and ordered the fine to be refunded. Mr. Justice Heaton, in delivering the judgment of the Court, said that they were quite satisfied that the conviction in the case must be set aside. The salient facts of the case were that the complainant, as Managing Director of the Cosmopolitan Bank, had through the mediation of Babaji Sakharani and Co., house agents in Bombay, hired certain premises from Essofally for the month of December. The rent agreed on was Rs. 250 a month and at the time the arrangement was entered into the complainant paid Rs. 250 to B. Sakharani and Co., and received a receipt for that sum, in which was described as the rent for the month of December. That was on the 25th of November. On the 16th of December a lease was stamped but not executed by either party, and it remained unexecuted to the present time. The bank took possession of the premises in December, and some time in March bills were presented for rent for the months of December, January and February. The rent was paid in full for January and February, but only Rs. 125 was paid for the month of March. The complainant made a written demand on B. Sakharani and Co. to return the sum of Rs. 250 which had been paid in December, and it was in respect of that sum of Rs. 250, that the accused, who was a member of the firm of B. Sakharani and Co., had been convicted of criminal breach of trust.

The offence, putting it very briefly, was made out in this way. The sum of Rs. 250 was received for the purpose of being paid over to the landlord. The sum was not paid to the landlord but was retained by the accused. All those facts, except the last, were admitted by the accused and he admitted also that he had retained Rs. 250; but said that he had done so in consequence of an understanding arrived at with the complainant. The explanation of the accused was quite consistent with the theory of his

innocence. He was supported by documentary evidence that clearly showed that there was nothing in his conduct which could be held to be dishonest.

The complainant's story rested on his own testimony, which in the opinion of the Court was absolutely incredible. The testimony was such that the Court could not believe it. It was incredible that the complainant, a manager and director of a bank, would enter a premises on a monthly rental and then make fixtures, additions and alterations to the premises on that tenure. It was also incredible that there could have been no talk about commission between the parties. A sum of Rs. 250 for a lease of 2 years on a rental of Rs. 250 a month, at 2 per cent. worked out to Rs. 240. The Court was satisfied that Mr. Dhotre was absolutely innocent and set aside the order passed by Mr. Aston and directed the fine, if paid, to be refunded.

The Hon. Mr. C. H. Seagar, with Mr. Nihalath Amaram, appeared on behalf of the accused-appellant. The Government Pleader represented the Crown.

OWNERSHIP OF LAND.

(Before Justices Beaman and Macleod.)

DANDAPPA BIN SATEPPA NADKATTE. (Appellant-Original Defendant No. 3) v. GOVIND LINGO, KULKARNI AND OTHERS.

(Respondents-Plaintiffs).

This is a second appeal from the decision of the District Judge of Belgaum. The plaintiffs, who are the Kulkarnis of the village, alleged that certain lands at Nipal, a village in the Chikodi taluka, belonged to them, but were orally leased to defendant No. 1 for Rs. 8-10-0 as rent for the Falsi year 1917 (A. D. 1907). The first defendant tiled the land in that year, but did not pay the rent and the other defendants who are his men did not give up possession. They denied the plaintiffs' ownership. The plaintiffs, therefore, claimed Rs. 8-10-0 and possession of the said lands as owners, if the oral lease is not proved.

The defendants stated that the said lands belonged to the Naiks, and were leased to defendant No. 1's ancestors in permanent tenancy. The plaintiffs, therefore, had no claim whatever.

The real question at issue, therefore, was whether the said Naiki watan lands belonged to the plaintiff Kulkarnis or to the Naiks. The defendants' pleader, on the strength of certain old papers, urged that, as the said papers described the plaintiffs as "Wahiwatdars," i.e., trustees for the Naiks, there was no bar of limitation. But the learned judge was of opinion that "Wahiwatdar" meant only an occupant, a person in possession, and that even if the word bore the meaning of "trustee," still the "trustees" had renounced their character as such and had been openly and actively asserting for more than fifty years their ownership and possession of the said lands, to the knowledge of the Naiks. Thus, if the Naiks had ever had any shadow of title, it was lost by the adverse possession of the plaintiffs' family.

The learned Sub-Judge, accordingly, decided the suit in the plaintiffs' favour, ordering possession to be given to them along with their other claims, and costs.

The learned District Judge confirmed in appeal the decree of the lower court, holding that there was no evidence that the ancestors of the Naiks had originally been the owners of the said lands and had been dispossessed by the Kulkarnis, whose ownership appeared to be traceable for nearly fifty years at least.

Defendant No. 3 appealed. The Hon. Mr. D. A. Khare and Mr. C. A. Rele appeared for the appellant.

Mr. H. C. Coyaji, instructed by Mr. Kelkar, appeared for the respondents.

Their Lordships confirmed the decree of the lower court with all costs.

COCAINE PROSECUTION.

(Before Justices Heaton and Shah.)
THE CROWN v. KALIPAS MITHA CADILAL MITHA.

This was an application for revision made by the accused against the decision of the Third Presidency Magistrate of Bombay, who had found them guilty of illegally selling, and abetting each other in selling, 10 grains of cocaine, and of being in illegal possession of 1861 grains without a permit from the Collector of Bombay; and with having thereby committed offences under Section 43 (1) and (a) of the Abkari Act, V of 1878. He had accordingly sentenced each of the petitioners to six months' rigorous imprisonment on each of the charges, i.e., twelve months' in all, the sentences being consecutive.

The accused jointly sold 10 grains of cocaine to one Hargovind for Rs. 3 on the 2nd August 1913, and 1861 grains of cocaine were found in their possession by the Excise Inspector. Hargovind was instructed by the Excise Inspector to purchase cocaine from the accused, and was given three rupees with certain marks on them for the purpose. He went to but the cocaine, accompanied by one Mahomed Raja Nabibux, who was one of the Pancho. The Excise Inspector followed them. Hargovind went into a house at Mum-badvi-street and brought out 8 packets of cocaine in his hand. Hargovind then gave certain instructions to the Excise Inspector and, leading him into the house, showed him the accused room. In that room he found the two

accused seated with a third person named Jivabhai Nemchand. Lying between the two accused he found the bag of money produced in Court. In that bag there were Rs. 14-3-3 and among the coins were the three marked rupees. On the door frame in the ventilator on the outside one packet of cocaine covered over with cloth was found. That packet contained 186 grains of cocaine.

Mr. S. R. Davar with Mr. Govindlal Thakore appeared on behalf of the appellants. He said that the selling of cocaine involved the possession of it, and both offences formed part of the same transaction. He cited 1 Bom. L. R. 344 and 4 Bom. L. R. 720, to support his contention. They were not distinct offences under Section 35 of the Criminal Procedure Code, but only separate offences under Section 71 of the Indian Penal Code, and therefore, though they might be tried together, one sentence ought to have been passed. Also both the accused were very young and there was no bad record against them.

Their Lordships refused to interfere with the order of the magistrate. There was no illegality of sentences. The magistrate was acting rightly in dealing with both the transactions.

NOT AN AGRICULTURIST.

(Before the Chief Justice and Justice Batchelor.)
SHAMRAO VITAL KALKUNDRI v. MIRAJA LALBEG, ISAMDAR.

This was an appeal against the decision of Mr. S. R. Koppikar, Subordinate Judge F. C. of Belgaum, who had raised a preliminary issue regarding the status of the plaintiff and held that he was an agriculturist.

The plaintiff in this case sued to redeem immovable property, alleging that he was an agriculturist. The defendant disputed his status as such.

The Lower Court decided that the plaintiff was an agriculturist. The Subordinate Judge said: "The plaintiff is an inamdar, and receives Rs. 300 a year as cash allowance through the village officers. It is hardly disputed that he holds some lands as tenant, and it is proved that he cultivates them with the aid of servants. He holds two lands as tenant of Bhabubhai Khajabeg. They leave him a net profit of Rs. 150 a year. The defendant admits that the plaintiff also holds two or three lands out of the mortgaged property as his tenant, and witness No. 31 proves that the plaintiff's net profit from them is Rs. 50. The plaintiff's agricultural income must be Rs. 400 at least, against Rs. 300 which is his non-agricultural income. I hold that the plaintiff is an agriculturist."

Mr. Weldon, instructed by Mr. Maulgumkar, appeared on behalf of the appellant. He said that the lower court was wrong in holding that the plaintiff was an agriculturist. That on the plaintiff's own showing his agricultural income was far less than his non-agricultural one.

Their Lordships, after hearing the arguments of counsel, reversed the order of the lower court and decided that the respondent was not an agriculturist.

Mr. K. N. Koyaji appeared for the respondent.

THE CAUSE LIST.

BOARD FOR THURSDAY, THE 25TH OF SEPTEMBER, 1913.

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Batchelor.)

In the Division Court No. 52.

For Judgment.

2613-66-12—Little and Co. The London County and West Minister Bank Ltd., v. The Bank of Bombay Chartered B. and Co.

Before the Hon'ble Sir Dinsha D. Davar.

In the Division Court No. 40.

For Consent Decree.

1324-12—Jam. R. and D. Hirralal Gordhandas v. Jagdishdas Damodherdas and Co. Madh. K. and Co.

517-13—Soonderdas and Co., Bai Muli and anr. v. Dwarikadas Madh. ji.

515-13—Tyabji D. and Co., Waghi B. and Co., v. Jannabai widow Dastur and Co.

For Ex parte Decree.

573-13—Bick. M. R. and Co., Bahadur Shivlal Motilal Mehta, v. Adamji Peerbhoy and Sons a firm Edgell G. W. and Co.

For Further Directions and Costs on Acting Assistant Commissioner's Report.

657-12—Motichand and D. Manoharji Wadilal and Wadilal v. N. P. Parbhat and Ors. In Person.

Suits for Hearing and Final Disposal.

Long Causes.

1201-12—Subnis & G. Merwanji Jehangirji Vakil v. Manaji Cooverji Rago Shirke Chitnis M. & K. Part Heard 26-8-13.

1276-12—Chitnis M. & K. Manaji Cooverji Rago Shirke v. Merwanji Jehangirji Vakil & anr. Subnis & G. Part Heard 26-8-13.

Testamentary Suit.

31-12—Kanga & S. Bai Aditilal widow v. Nagindas Tribhuvandas Malvi H. M. & L.

Long Causes.

1319-12—Edgell G. W. & Co. Nivabhai Wadilal & ors. v. The New Piece Goods Bazaar Co. Ltd. Payne & Co.

49-13—Edgell G. W. & Co. Jivabhai Wadilal & ors. v. The New Piece Goods Bazaar Co. Ltd. Payne & Co.

658-11—Daphary F. & D. R. D. Sethna & ors. v. Menraj Malsey & anr. Ardesir H. W. & Co.

347-12—Malvi H. M. & R. Laxmibai Widow & ors. v. Ahmedbhai Habib. Payne & Co.

O. S. 312-13—Motichand & D. Nemchand Nathubhai v. Dayabhai Man-charam & ors. Ardesir H. D. & Co. Partell and E.

262-13—Pestonji R. K. & Co. Bai Jiwanai Widow v. Ambobhai Widow & ors. Madhaji F. & C. for a pauper. Edgell G. W. & Co.

441-09—Little & Co. Mathuradas Gokuldas v. Teelram Giriharidas & anr. Jamssetji R. & D.

891-12—Mulla & M. Abdul Aziz Vali Mahomed v. Khatibzai. Tyabji D. & Co.

939-12—Smetthem B. & Co. Parvatibai widow v. Gopal Sudkoti Bolo & ors. Vatcha & Co. Payne & Co. for further hearing.

486-13—Wadia G. & Co. Purkha Datta & Co. a firm v. Gulam Hossein Abdulally & ors. Partell & E. Man. J. I. & Co.

1317-12—Matubhai J. & M. Gulam Hossein Bandedally Sons v. Mahomed Saleh Cassam & Co. a firm Payne & Co.

223-06—Payne & Co. The Advocate-Genl. of Bombay v. Moosa Haji Hasani & ors. Bhairshanker K. & G. for further hearing.

O. S. 620-13—Unwalla P. & P. Jijiboy Sorabji Dubash & anr. v. The Hon'ble the Advocate-Genl. of Bombay. Wadia G. & Co. Dastur & Co.

1080-09—Mirza M. & M. Rustomji Byramji Chokshi v. Bejoni Byramji Chokshi & ors. Jeh. G. & B. Mehta & D.

O. S. 709-13—Khamabhai & Co. Sonabai Widow v. Shapurji Framji Kharajia & ors. Kharabhai & Co. Bicknell R. & Co. 21-8-13.

495-13—Dikshit & P. Magonilla Ranchod & ors. v. Manecklal Gheblabhai Manchelal & Co.

390-13—Little & Co. Messrs. Weld & Co. a firm v. Girdharilal Narayandas. Tyabji D. & Co.

O. S. 301-13—Patell & Co. Roque Esteves Pereira & ors. v. Roque Esteves Pereira & ors. Patell & E. G. Bhimji & Co.

O. S. 303-13—Patell & E. G. Roque Esteves Pereira & ors. Roque Esteves Pereira & ors. Patell & E. G. Bhimji & Co.

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AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT.

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL RATE

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

SIR,—In the proceedings of the Agricultural Conference which have been published in your issue of the 18th instant, one important recommendation of the Sub-Committee respecting the levy of an additional rate was adopted at the Conference by a majority, after considerable discussion and difference of opinion. This recommendation in my opinion deserves to be further explained and ventilated in the interest of solid work expected to be done under it. It refers to Government "Enacting a law empowering the District Local Boards to raise at their option an agricultural rate of 1 pie per rupee on the Land Revenue every year, or, as an alternative, a rate of one anna in the rupee on the Land Revenue, not more than once in twelve years."

2. The scheme sketched out by the Director of Agriculture for adoption at the Conference on the model of one obtaining in Ireland was considered by all as very useful and practical; but the Honourable Mr. Godbole strongly objected to the proposed additional rate of 1 pie per rupee on the Land Revenue on the ground that it would be felt as a great pressure, especially by the poor dry-crop-cultivators of the Deccan districts. And, as an alternative, he proposed an amendment that the District Local Boards should assign 1/24 part or half a pie per rupee out of the local rate of one anna which they already derive from the Land Revenue, and that it should be supplemented by a Government contribution at double this amount. In his opinion the amount thus derived will enable the District Local Boards to finance the useful scheme devised by the Director, without having recourse to imposition of the proposed additional rate of 1 pie per rupee on the Land Revenue.

3. To the Hon. Mr. Godbole's amendment Mr. Smart replied that up to now the District Local Boards have expended no amount whatever from the Local Fund revenue towards improvement of agriculture, and it is therefore not expected that they would now spend any sums under Mr. Godbole's amendment. It is perfectly true that most of the District Local Boards are not in a financial position to meet efficiently even the existing liabilities from their limited revenue, and, in several cases Government have been obliged to supplement it by large special contributions. It is, therefore, necessary that the District Local Boards should be placed in a position to derive additional revenue, so as to successfully carry out Mr. Smart's scheme. It was at this stage that I thought it advisable to consult privately the Hon. Mr. Godbole whether he would accept an amendment that the proposed additional rate of one pie per rupee might be levied either on the Land Revenue or on the Excise Revenue, and whether he would in that case withdraw his objection, so that the original recommendation with my amendment might be passed unanimously without dissent. He readily expressed acceptance of my amendment, and I may state that several other leading members also expressed a similar concurrence.

4. In reference to this amendment of mine the Chairman according to the published report remarked that "the suggestion was absolutely impracticable, because he did not see how they could empower District Local Boards to raise a revenue at 1 pie in the rupee from the Excise duty." To clear up a misunderstanding of this nature on such an important point I consider it desirable to explain that the remark of the Chairman appears to have been made under some apparent misconception; for as a matter of fact, we find that the levy of such a rate from Excise revenue on behalf of the District Local Boards is already authorized by existing law, and that a considerable revenue is consequently assigned to the District Local Boards as a contribution from Government "in lieu of one anna cess on Excise revenue." Thus, Section 6 of the Bombay District Local Funds Act of 1869 authorizes that "it shall be lawful for Government to levy for the purposes of this Act a cess not exceeding one anna on every rupee assessable to the ordinary Land Revenue, or, on every rupee that is payable by every farmer of land or Sayer revenue in respect of such farm." The Sayer revenue here referred to means and includes Excise revenue. It appears from the last annual Administration Report of the District Local Boards for the year 1911-1912 that Government gave for that year to the District Local Boards of the Presidency a total contribution of Rs. 83,323 "in lieu of one anna cess on Excise revenue," and that some districts received considerable sums on that account, viz., Surat, Rs. 13,865, Thana, Rs. 20,784, and Dharwar, Rs. 15,667. These contributions, however, appear to have been fixed permanently on the basis of the Excise revenue which the District Local Boards used to receive at some old date; and thus the District Local Boards have been excluded from receiving a due share at one anna cess from the large expansion of the Excise revenue which has occurred during the late years. The gist of my contention, therefore, is that in view of the many pressing demands which the District Local Boards are now called upon to meet for a

large expenditure on village sanitation, and on expansion of primary and agricultural education and agricultural improvement in rural areas, it is very desirable that they should be allowed the increased revenue to the full extent which may be due by levy of one anna cess on every rupee of the present Excise revenue. Reference to the Excise Administration Report of the year 1911-12 will show that the total Excise revenue of the Presidency amounted to Rs. 180 lakhs in that year, and a cess on it at one anna per rupee would provide a large sum of Rs. 11½ lakhs to the District Local Boards, instead of Rs. 88,000 which is now given as a contribution by Government on this account. The additional revenue from this source would be equal to fully 60 per cent. of the revenue (20½ lakhs) which is at present derived by the one anna cess on the Land Revenue and it would be of great help to the District Local Boards in meeting their growing demands for village sanitation and rural education. It will further follow from the above figures that the levy of 1 pie per rupee on Excise revenue, proposed in my amendment will supply a revenue of about Rs. 1 lakh, and if it is supplemented, as proposed by an equal amount of Government contribution from the Provincial revenue, the District Local Boards will have at their disposal a total revenue of Rs. 2 lakhs per year, which will be ample for putting Mr. Smart's scheme into effective action at once. Whereas if the additional cess of 1 pie per rupee is left to be levied on the Land Revenue instead of Excise revenue, it cannot be carried out, until the measure is passed by Local Legislature and approved by the Government of India. Bearing in mind the fate which a similar measure for the levy of an additional rate on the Land Revenue for expansion of Mahomedan education in Sind is reported to have met at the hands of the Supreme Government, it appears very doubtful whether the present recommendation for improving an additional cess on the Land Revenue will share a better fate. It will thus appear that my amendment to levy the additional rate of 1 pie per rupee on the Excise revenue, instead of being "absolutely impracticable," is readily workable, and it can be put into force at once, without waiting for further legislative enactment, provided Government is favourably inclined and convinced of the utility of Mr. Smart's valuable scheme.

5. It should also be noted in this connection that the Excise is a very delicate head of Government revenue, and its growing revenue is in some influential quarters looked down with considerable suspicion. It will therefore I think be an administrative measure of considerable utility and prudence as a counterpart, if one anna per rupee of this Excise revenue is set apart definitely as suggested above, for the District Local Boards to carry out local improvements in rural sanitation, education and agriculture. It is also desirable that a certain definite portion of this revenue should be devoted to providing special educational facilities for such backward classes as the Kolis, Bhils, Dhondias, Dubas &c., who are addicted to excessive drink by inveterate habits of many generations, and who are consequently substantial contributors to the Excise revenue.—Yours, etc.,

ICHHARAM B.

Retired Deputy Collector.
Poona, Sept. 21.

KENNEDY SEA FACE NUISANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

SIR,—May I be permitted to draw the attention of the authorities concerned to an intolerable nuisance on the Kennedy Sea Face a few yards off the Back-Bay swimming bath. An extremely obnoxious odour issues from a drain-pipe or culvert charging the surrounding air with myriads of germs positively harmful to the human system.

It is a pity that this nuisance, though prevailing for the last four months, should go unnoticed by the authorities and unmitigated, particularly in a place where a lot of people of all classes and stations of life go to have their daily walk, fresh air and recreation.—Yours, etc.,

J. E. BEHRAM.

Bombay, Sept. 23.

RETURNING HOME IN HURRY.

CARTMAN INJURES A WOMAN.

At the Mazagon Police Court, Tuesday, before Rao Bahadur, C. H. Setalvad, Inspector Cauty charged Bhawoo Chima a Municipal cart driver with causing grievous hurt to a woman by rash and negligent driving.

On the 10th instant, the accused was driving along Haines Road at a great speed and on the wrong side, when he knocked down one Gungabai, a vegetable seller who was endeavouring to cross the road with a basket on her head. Gungabai sustained serious injuries and had three of her ribs fractured. The accused's defence was that his bullocks shied at a passing train and dashed along in a fright, as a result of which he lost control of the reins. The evidence showed that the accused was deliberately driving home in a hurry, and that he raised no doubt before he knocked down the complainant. The Magistrate convicted the accused and sentenced him to pay a fine of Rs. 45, out of which Rs. 30 was to be given to the complainant. In default of payment the accused was to undergo three weeks' rigorous imprisonment.

PROPOSED SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE.

KALYAN RYOTS AND THE DIRECTOR.

JAMBUL LANDOWNER'S OFFER.

The Director of Agriculture, Mr. W. W. Smart, B.A., I.C.S., and the Extra Deputy Director of Agriculture, Mr. V. S. Gonechalli, went to Jambul, a village near Kalyan in the Thana District on the 22nd instant, to see personally a portion of land which Mr. Vithoba Khandoji Pisal, a big landowner of Jambul, is going to set apart for the improvement of the condition of the agriculturists of that part. The latter officer had previously visited the locality and having surveyed the land in question had reported about its fitness for starting an agricultural school near Jambul, so that Mr. Pisal's laudable object might be fulfilled. The Director saw the land himself and was quite satisfied as to its fitness for acceptance for the said object, and assured Mr. Pisal and the agriculturists of Jambul and adjoining villages that he would recommend the Government to accept Mr. Pisal's generous offer.

The Director's visit to Jambul having been known, a number of agriculturists from the adjoining villages assembled at Jambul to pay him their respects and request him to accept Mr. Pisal's offer. They met the Director at Mr. Pisal's house and in an address thanked him for the work which he and his subordinates were doing to improve their condition and made a formal request for an agricultural school in that locality. A number of Mr. Pisal's friends from Bombay were also present on the occasion to do honour to the Director and request him to accept Mr. Pisal's offer. Among those who were present were Messrs. Korgaokar, Bole, Pandurang Jaoji, Dhuru, Kawai, Narayan Patil, Ranaji Arn, Dalvi brothers, Keluskar, Navalkar, Wagdhare, etc., Messrs. Korgaokar, Bole, Keluskar, Dalvi and Thakur (Mamladar) addressed the meeting. The Deputy Director, Mr. Gonechalli, addressed the meeting and urged upon them the need for co-operation and self-help. He said that they should try to get their children educated by resorting to the co-operative principle and avail themselves of the opportunity of giving their children agricultural training, which the Government is thinking of placing within easy reach of those who do not go beyond primary education. He said that co-operation was the salvation of the agriculturists of this land.

Messrs. Pandurang Jaoji, Bole, Shankarrao Jaisramrao Zunjarrao of Sari and Dagadgo Bhaoo Shellar of Wanganji offered to give a scholarship each to boys who wished to join the proposed School at Jambul.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(Associated Press.)

SIMLA, Sept. 22.

Colonel C. H. U. Price, Indian Army, has been granted permission to reside out of India from the 7th October, 1913.

Major Steel, 17th Cavalry, has been selected as Military Attache at Tehran which position becomes vacant in December next.

Captain Ervad, Royal Garrison Artillery, from the Home Establishment is posted to No. 70 Company, Royal Garrison Artillery at Aden.

Captains Ballard and Stebbins, Royal Field Artillery, from the Home Establishment, are posted to the 10th Battery and 100th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, respectively.

Captain Aklom, Highland Light Infantry, has been selected for the Adjutancy of the 9th Battalion Highland Light Infantry Territorial Force.

An exchange has been approved between Lieuts. Hope Johnstone, 32nd Lancers, and Handly, Berkshire Regiment; Lieut. Handly has been posted to the 26th Cavalry.

Lieut. C. H. Dent, Royal Berkshire Regiment, is permitted to resign his commission.

Major Bray, West Riding Regiment, is appointed Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteers.

His Highness the Nizam's Guaranteed Staff Railways, Co. Ltd., has agreed to allow Captains and Subalterns of the British and Indian services who are doing duty with regiments of Cavalry and Infantry Batteries or companies of Artillery and Coy's of Sappers and Miners the concessions of travelling on form E, in a first class carriage on payment of second class fare on all occasions in which they travel over the Company's lines whether on duty or otherwise.

ST. ISABEL'S CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its annual celebration on Sunday, the 21st instant.

His Grace, the Archbishop of Bombay presided at the Divine Service at the Cathedral and afterwards at the general meeting in the Episcopal Hall.

The report, among other things, said:—The Circles held 126 meetings at which on an average 12 members attended, two new members joined the ranks of active members and there was a decrease of one, owing to the death of the late Mrs. S. Spray of the Kalkadevie Circle. Twelve new recipients were accepted on the rolls and are being given all the help their individual cases need. The total revenue for the year was Rs. 6,800 whilst the amount spent in this one year was Rs. 6,900.

KAISER'S HOME.

IMPRESSIONS OF AN ENGLISH VISITOR.

THE HALL OF SHELLS.

A correspondent writes in the "Pall Mall Gazette":—

I had the great privilege lately of visiting the magnificent New Palace at Potsdam, which is the chief home of the German Emperor. It is full of interest, not only because of its present association with the Kaiser, but also because it was the creation of Frederick the Great, who left his strong and somewhat strange personality impressed upon it.

For instance, Frederick hated all shells of cooking, so he insisted on the kitchen to the New Palace being in a building separate from the splendid edifice in which he lived. And to this day, I was told, the meals are prepared in this building and conveyed by an underground passage to the Imperial dining-room.

The unique apartment in the Palace is undoubtedly the "Hall of Shells," a most beautiful room, adorned with thousands of shells of all kinds. They have been arranged deftly in charming patterns, and Kings and Queens and Princes have contributed additions to the great collection. There are grooves in the room, and the whole effect when lighted by electricity is brilliantly fantastic. It was in this room that Mr. Roosevelt was received by the Kaiser, and he was amazed at the variety of the shells displayed on the walls.

Not long ago a peculiar fish was added, the gift of Prince Henry of Prussia. The Christmas tree, which the Imperial Family still has every year, stands in this hall, and on it hang the gifts for young and old of the large circle of the Kaiser's household.

THE GREAT BANQUETING HALL.

The dining room at the Palace is a fine apartment with very valuable paintings, but for historic banquets the marble hall upstairs is used. As many as 300 guests have dined at one time

in this hall, so its extensive area may be imagined. It is 46 feet high, and the view from the windows is over the gardens of the Palace, with a lovely vista of the long avenue, which is one of the features of the park. An enormous carpet, a triumph of manufacture, covers the floor.

In this banquet hall nearly all the Sovereigns of Europe have dined, and the gold plate which is used on such occasions makes the tables unforgettable in their splendour. I believe candles are still used for lighting the hall on State occasions, instead of the more modern electric light.

I was interested in seeing the Emperor's smoking room, which has received lately some new ornaments in the fine vases which a Chinese Prince gave to the Kaiser as a souvenir of his visit. The private theatre in the Palace is arranged to hold about 350 persons. It is a model theatre, with provision for all the latest stage effects. Usually when the Kaiser gives his guests this form of entertainment he chooses some light comedy or amusing farce. In this theatre, for instance, "Charlie's Aunt" provoked as much hearty laughter as when it was given in London.

The tapestry in the Palace is superb, and the art treasures include pictures by most of the great Masters. There are continual reminders of Frederick the Great in certain apartments, where little change has been made since his day. The gardens are planned with great taste, and the Kaiserin delights in the varied designs which a large staff of gardeners carries out so skilfully.

The Kaiser has his own private railway station at Wildpark, from whence it is a short ride to the New Palace. The park around the Palace has been increased during the reign.

FREDERICK THE GREAT'S FLUTE.

Not very far away is Sans Souci Schloss, through which also I went. Its rococo style is rather a shock, but there is much to charm in the terraces and gardens. In the Schloss one sees the music and flute of Frederick the Great, and his remarkable little library, with its door, which serves also as a bookshelf.

In the mausoleum rests the gallant Emperor Frederick, whom some of us recall as riding in Queen Victoria's Jubilee procession, and by his side the Empress Frederick, the gifted and gracious mother of the Kaiser.

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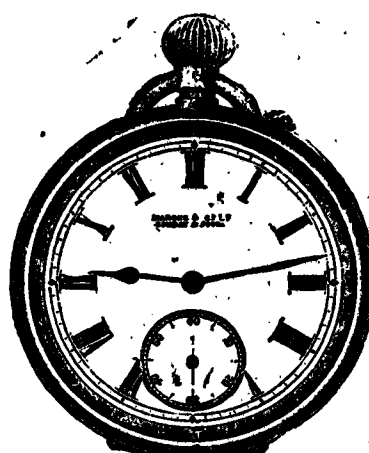
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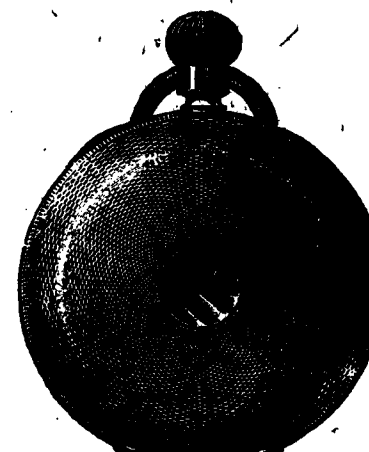
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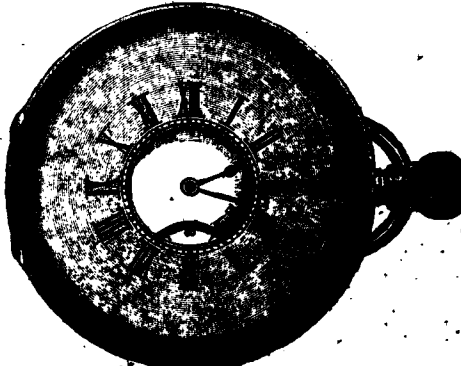
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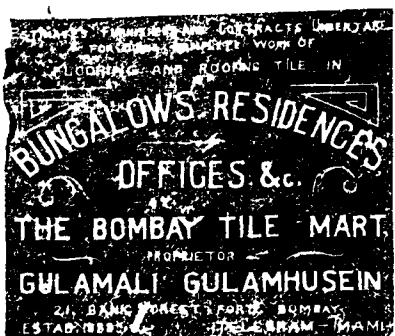
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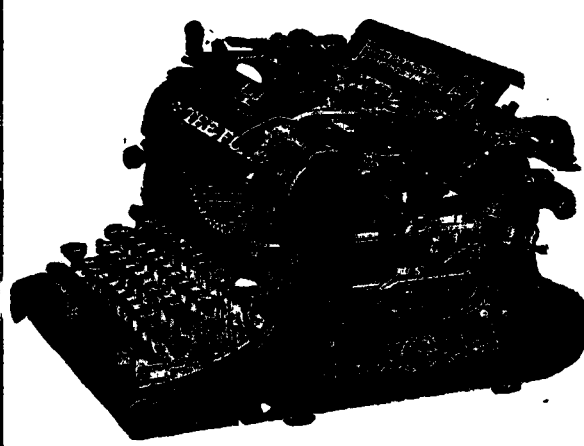
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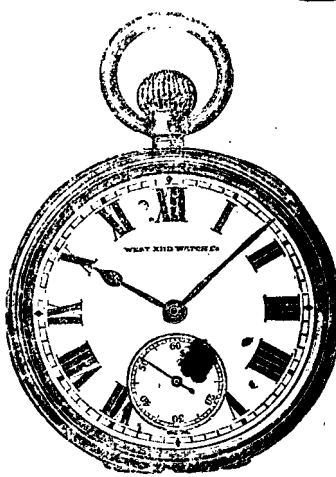
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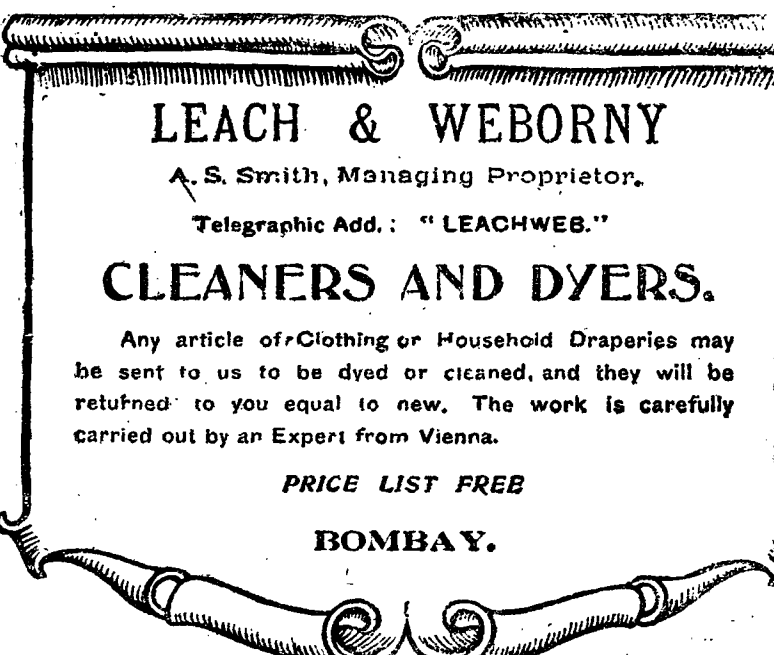
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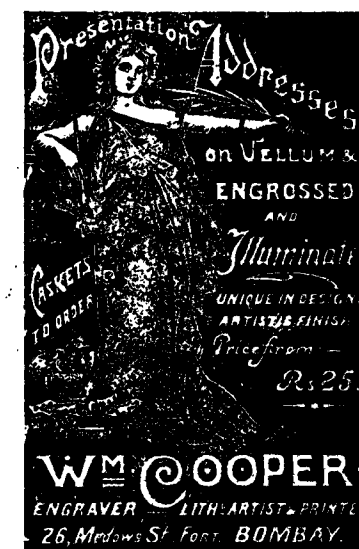
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